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2 dead in attack targeting German synagogue on Yom Kippur

By GEIR MOULSON **JENS MEYER Associated Press**

heavily armed assailant ranting about Jews tried to force his way into a synagogue in Germany on Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day, then shot two people to death nearby in an attack Wednesday that was livestreamed on a popular gaming site.

The attacker shot at the door of the synagogue in the eastern city of Halle but **HALLE, Germany (AP)** — A did not get in as 70 to 80 people inside were observing the holy day.

> The gunman shouted that Jews were "the root" of "problems" such as feminism and "mass immigration," according to a group that tracks online extremism.

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Police officers walk in front of a Jewish cemetery in Halle, Germany, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019. One or more gunmen fired several shots on Wednesday in the German city of Halle.

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U.S. official charged with leaking secrets to journalists

By MICHAEL BALSAMO **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Defense Intelligence Agency official was arrested Wednesday and charged with leaking classified intelligence information to two journalists, including a reporter he was dating, the Justice Department said.

Henry Kyle Frese, 30, was arrested by the FBI when he arrived at work at a DIA facility in Virginia. He was charged with willfully disclosing national defense information.

Frese, who has a top secret government security clearance, is alleged to have accessed at least five classified intelligence reports and provided top secret information about another country's weapons systems to the reporter with whom he was having a relation-

The arrest is the latest in a series of prosecutions under the Trump administration of government workers accused of providing nonpublic information to journalists. In 2017, then-Attorney General Jeff Ses-



Attorney General for the Eastern District of Virginia G. Zachary Terwilliger, right, accompanied by Assistant United States Attorney Danya Atiyeh, left, takes a question from a reporter after announcing the arrest of Henry Kyle Frese, a Defense Intelligence Agency official charged with leaking classified information to two journalists, including one he was dating, during a news conference outside the federal courthouse in Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

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sions pledged to take a stand against leaks, and the Justice Department has brought at least six leak investigation cases in the past two years.

Neither reporter was identified by name in court documents, but an analysis of news articles and social media posts indicates they are Amanda Macias of CNBC and Courtney Kube

of NBC News. Those posts include a photo of Macias and Frese on Instagram from 2017.

The Justice Department declined to provide any additional details about the classified information that was leaked, but the articles focused on China's missile systems.

The reporter, believed to be Macias, published eight fied defense information between May and July of last year, prosecutors said. In April 2018, after Frese accessed one of the intelligence reports, she sent him a private message on Twitter asking if he would be willing to speak with another journalist who prosecutors said worked at another outlet owned by the same company, court

articles containing classi-

Frese replied that he would help if it could help advance the first reporter's career because he wanted to see her "progress," according to the documents.

documents said. The sec-

ond journalist is believed to

be Kube.

The government also intercepted a call in September during which Frese allegedly read classified national defense information to the second journalist, the documents say.

"Frese betrayed the trust placed in him by the American people — a betrayal that risked harming the national security of this country," said Assistant Attorney General John Demers, who leads the Justice Department's national security division.

Federal investigators be-

lieve Frese was "taking direction from members of the media" because he had searched for the intelligence documents that were outside of his area of expertise, according to Alan Kohler, the special agent in charge of counterintelligence at the FBI's field office in Washington. Although officials would not rule out the possibility of bringing criminal charges against the journalists, the top prosecutor whose office is prosecuting the case said investigators are "focused on the leaker, not the journalist."

Frese was involved in "dastardly and felonious conduct at the expense of our country," said G. Zachary Terwilliger, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. He said Frese's behavior was "not selfless or heroic, it is criminal."

It was not immediately clear whether Frese had a lawyer who could comment on his behalf.



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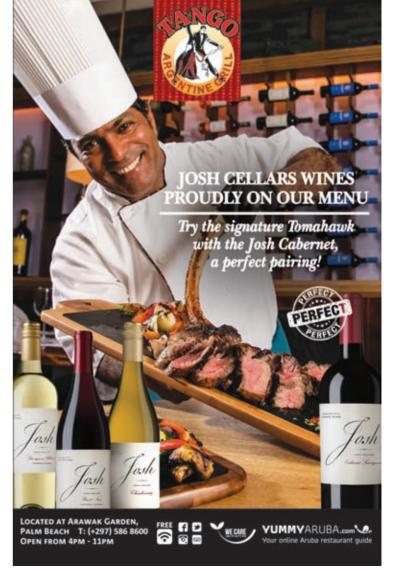
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Bipartisan Senate bill would halt arms sales to Turkey

By ALAN FRAM **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan Senate bill would halt U.S. military assistance to NATO ally Turkey and clamp sanctions on the U.S. assets of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan because of his country's invasion Wednesday of northern Syria

The measure effectively rebukes President Donald Trump's abrupt decision to pull U.S. troops from the region. Soon after their withdrawal, Erdogan commenced air and ground assaults on Syrian Kurdish fighters who've been helping the U.S. battle Islamic State extremists there, which numerous lawmakers and others had warned would happen.

The measure would also impose sanctions on foreign military sales to Turkey, an outline of the legislation said. It would take effect immediately, and its restrictions would be lifted only when the Trump administration certifies that Turkey has ceased its operations and withdrawn its forces from the region.

agreed with sanctions but Syria.

"I actually think much Erdogan sent his forces into ently referring to Turkey's their push went too far.

invasion.

He said he would define humane as possible "as we go along."

Sen. Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat, said he and co-sponsor Sen. Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, planned to introduce the legislation as soon as Congress returns from a recess next week. He said he and Graham would seek commitments from Senate leaders to bring the legislation to the floor quickly.

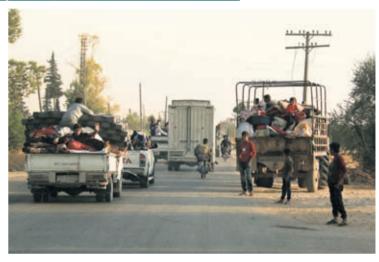
Van Hollen said in an interview that the removal of U.S. forces from the area, where there had been hundreds of American troops, was a "total betrayal" of allied Kurds.

"While the Administration refuses to act against Turkey, I expect strong bipartisan support," Graham, a leading GOP voice on military matters who is normally a staunch Trump backer, said in a written statement. Besides Erdogan, the measure would sanction the American assets of six other top Turkish officials. Under the sanctions, their access to their holdings in the U.S. Trump told reporters at would be restricted, said the White House that he one congressional aide who spoke on condition of seemed to condition that anonymity because they on Turkey's actions inside were not authorized to discuss the bill publicly.

tougher than sanctions, if Syria even though Trump (Erdogan) doesn't do it in had previously threatened as humane a way as pos- to "totally destroy and oblitsible," Trump said, appar- erate" Turkey's economy if

Syrian Kurdish fighters have been America's only allies in Syria fighting IS, and hundreds of American troops have been stationed there. Turkey considers the Kurdish fighters to be terrorists allied with a Kurdish insurgency in Turkey

Trump has said he doesn't want the U.S. to fight "these endless, senseless wars." He also criticized Graham for favoring the deployment of too many troops overseas. "I think Lindsey would like



Syrians flee shelling by Turkish forces in Ras al Ayn, northeast Syria, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

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to stay there for the next 200 years and maybe add a couple of hundred thousand people every place, but I disagree with Lindsey on that," he said.

Turkey has long been a major recipient of U.S. arms.



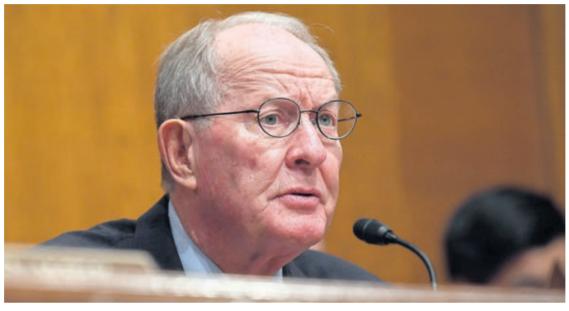


Closely watched GOP senator calls impeachment a 'mistake'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A retiring Republican senator who's being closely watched for his view on President Donald Trump's impeachment potential strengthened his stance against Democrats' investigation of the president on Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said in a written statement that impeaching Trump "would be a mistake."

Just last week, Alexander issued a more cautious statement. He said the Senate Intelligence Committee was probing Trump's attempt to prod Ukraine into investigating former Vice President Joe Biden, a 2020 Democratic presidential contender, and added, "I want to know the facts before I comment."

Alexander, 79, is respected on both sides of the aisle. With his four-decade political career winding down, he's been considered a harbinger of what departing, moderate GOP law-



In this Sept. 24, 2019, file photo, Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. Alexander says in a written statement that impeaching Trump would be a "mistake." **Associated Press**

makers might do.

Republican leaders are eager to prevent divisions within their party in a battle likely to dominate Washington for months and expected to be a major factor in next year's presidential and congressional elections.

On Wednesday, Alexander's position tilted more favorably toward Trump.

"It's inappropriate for the president to be talking with foreign governments about investigating his political opponents, but impeachment would be a mistake," Alexander said. "An election, which is just around the corner, is the right way to decide who should be

president. Impeachment has never removed a president. It will only divide the country further."

Alexander aides said he was not available to discuss his position.

Other GOP senators, including Rob Portman of Ohio, have recently said Trump's actions aren't impeachable while stopping short of saying he'd done nothing wrong.

Alexander has served in the

Senate since 2003 and has been a voice of moderation on some bills, working with Democrats on health and other issues. He's a former governor, presidential candidate and Cabinet member.

He's also been a defender of the Senate as an institution, including its longstanding use of filibusters, or procedural delays, to kill legislation — despite Trump's desire to kill the procedure.

Committees in the Democratic-led House are also investigating Trump's effort to push Ukraine to investigate Biden.

By citing the approach of next year's election, Alexander also echoed the argument that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., used in early

In an extraordinary move, McConnell refused to hold hearings on then-President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland for a Supreme Court vacancy, arguing that November's elections were approaching.

Pence aiming to release records of his own Ukraine calls

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE **Associated Press**

WAUKEE, **Iowa (AP)** — Vice President Mike Pence said Wednesday he is working with the White House counsel's office to release transcripts of his own calls with Ukranian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

two phone conversations would help exonerate President Donald Trump of any wrongdoing.

Pence was asked about releasing his transcripts and told reporters, "I'd have no objection to that." He spoke after an event in Waukee,

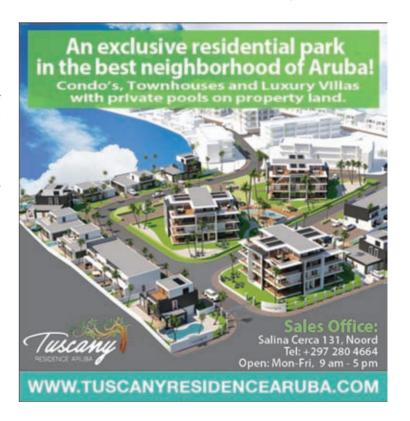
lowa, where he addressed supporters about the president's trade policy.

Pence said he "never discussed the issue of the Bidens" with Zelenskiy. And he again defended the president, insisting that a "plain reading" of the rough transcript of Trump's call Pence said records of his with the Ukranian leader shows "there was no quid pro quo."

> whistleblower complaint suggested, in front of netfiled by a CIA officer suggested Trump and other administration officials worked to withhold aid

from Ukraine and pushed the country's government to investigate the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading candidate in the Democratic primary for president.

Pence also said he stands by his assertion during a 2016 vice presidential debate that foreign governments shouldn't get involved in domestic elec-The Trump administration tions. He ignored shouted came under fire after a questions noting that Trump work cameras on the White House lawn, that China should start an investigation into the Bidens.





Politician charged in human trafficking adoption scheme

By JONATHAN J. COOPER **Associated Press**

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona politician ran an adoption fraud scheme that promised pregnant women thousands of dollars to lure them from a Pacific Island nation to the U.S., where they were crammed into houses to wait to give birth, sometimes with little to no prenatal care in what prosecutors called a human smuggling case.

Paul Petersen, the Republican assessor of Arizona's most populous county, was charged in Utah, Arizona and Arkansas with counts including human smuggling, sale of a child, fraud, forgery and conspiracy to commit money laundering. The charges span about three years and involve some 75 adoptions. Investigators also found eight pregnant women from the Marshall Islands in raids of his properties outside Phoenix, and several more are waiting to give birth in Utah, authorities said.

"The commoditization of children is simply evil," said Utah Attorney General Sean D. Reyes.

The adoptive parents are considered victims along with the birth mothers, and no completed adoptions will be undone, authorities said.

Petersen's attorney, Matthew Long, defended his client's actions during a Tuesday court hearing in Phoenix as "proper business practices" and said they disagreed with the allega-

Republican Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey said Petersen should resign from his elected position determining the taxable value for properties in Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix and its suburbs.

mission in the Marshall Islands for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Reyes said. He was later recruited by an international adoption agency while in law school because of his fluency in Marshallese, according to a 2013 Phoenix Business Journal story.

used associates there to recruit pregnant women by offering many of them \$10,000 each to give up their babies for adoption. Petersen would pay for the women to travel to the U.S. days or months before giving birth and live in a home that he owned until delivering the baby, according to the court records.

The expecting mothers were often crowded in the homes, with Marshallese women Petersen employed helping with things like translation, transportation, legal documents and applications for Medicaid benefits, prosecutors said. Women got little to no prenatal care in Utah, and in one house slept on mattresses laid on bare floors in what one shocked adoptive family described as a "baby mill," according court documents.

Petersen sold the house this spring as complaints mounted from neighbors in the working-class area in suburban Salt Lake City, said new owner Alanna Mabey.

She was told it had been used as a rental, and since purchasing it she has found trash like dirty diapers in the bushes, she said. The news about how prosecutors say expecting mothers were treated there is "horrible," she said. "It makes me sick to my stomach."

In Arkansas, it wasn't uncommon to find a dozen Marshallese mothers on the verge of giving birth in one house, said Duane Kees, the U.S. attorney for the western district of Arkansas. "Many of these mothers described their ordeal as being treated like property," Kees said. "Make no mistake: this case is the purest form of human trafficking." Petersen served a two-year Arkansas has one the largest concentrations of Marshallese immigrants in the U.S. and the women would then be flown there or back to the Marshall Islands after giving birth, authorities said. Petersen charged families \$25,000-\$40,000 per adoption and brought about \$2.7 million into a bank account for adoption fees

Prosecutors say Petersen in less than two years, according to court documents

Petersen's Mesa, Arizona, home is worth more than \$600,000 and located in an affluent, gated community. The Utah probe began after investigators got a call to a human-trafficking tip line in October 2017. Staff at several hospitals in the Salt Lake City area would eventually report an "influx" of women from the Marshall Islands giving birth and putting their babies up for adoption, often accompanied by the same woman.

The scheme defrauded Arizona's Medicaid system of \$800,000 because the women had no intention of remaining in the state when they applied, according to Arizona prosecutors.

Under a compact between the United States and the



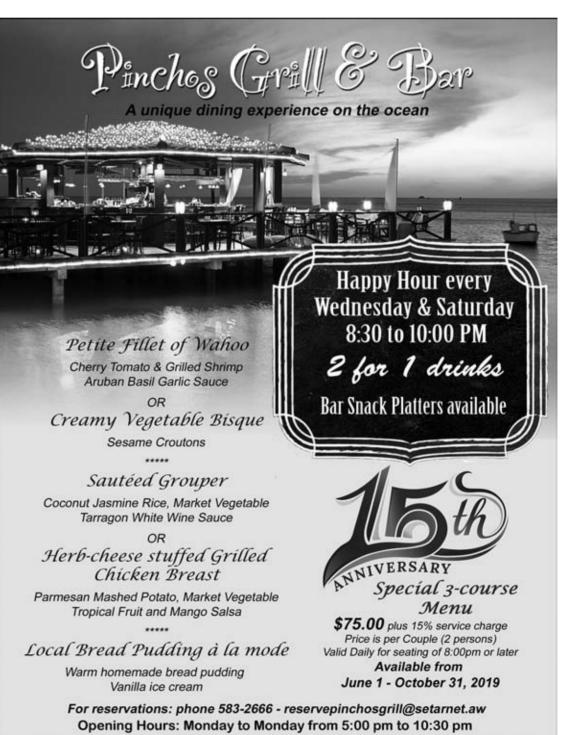
This undated photo provided by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office shows Assessor Paul Petersen.

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Republic of the Marshall Islands, Marshallese citizens can enter the U.S. and work without a visa, unless they're traveling for the purpose of adoption, authorities said.

Petersen has faced troubles with his adoption prac-

tices in the past. An Arizona juvenile court judge in 2016 denied a couple's request to adopt a child born to a Marshallese woman because he feared the arrangement set up by Petersen had violated that country's law.





Under Trump, Louisiana is at epicenter of migrant detention

By NOMAAN MERCHANT WINNFIELD, La. (AP)

Tucked away in the dense forest of rural Louisiana is a barbed wire-ringed prison that has quickly become a major detention center for immigrants detained at the border.

The Winn Correctional Center is one of eight Louisiana jails that have started holding asylum seekers and other migrants over the past year, making Louisiana an unlikely epicenter for immigrant detention under President Donald Trump. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says it's now detaining about 8,000 migrants in Louisiana out of 51,000 nationally.

These new facilities, a mix of old state prisons and local jails, are a drive of several hours from New Orleans and other major cities, far from where most immigrant rights' groups and immigration lawyers are based. Migrants complain of mistreatment and prolonged detention.

"I knew they would detain us, but I never thought it would be for this long," said Howard Antonio Benavides Jr., an 18-year-old from Venezuela who has been at Winn for three months.

The surge has been welcomed by rural communities that have long relied on jails for jobs, and by the private prison company that gets paid by the federal government to detain the immigrants.

The shift has occurred against the backdrop of a criminal justice overhaul in Louisiana that has reduced the prison population, causing an economic threat for small towns with detention facilities.

ICE has stepped into that void. At Winn, which started detaining migrants in May, employee salaries have risen from \$10 an hour to \$18.50. Local officials have signed a new five-year contract that guarantees millions in payments to the local government and the state.

ICE refused several requests to comment on why it focused on Louisiana. In a statement, the agency



Detainees sit and wait for their turn at the medical clinic at the Winn Correctional Center in Winnfield, La., Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019. Nearly 1,500 migrants are detained at Winn.

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said it identifies "contracts that can be modified to accommodate increased agency needs."

ICE and the private prison company operating the facility, LaSalle Corrections, allowed The Associated Press to visit Winn for three hours in September and take photos and video under the condition that migrants' faces not be shown. The tour was tightly controlled. The AP was not allowed to speak to any detained migrants besides Benavides, who agreed to an interview through his lawyer. As a large group of migrants held in one tier started shouting "come here," in Spanish, jail officials prevented observers from approaching the immigrants and directed them outside. The men continued to shout from the windows.

Nearly 1,500 migrants are detained at Winn, where they sleep on twin beds in long, narrow units with barred gates. Formerly a medium-security prison,

Winn has a dining hall, outdoor soccer fields, a gymnasium, and a 200-person chapel built by former inmates.

Most of the detainees appeared to be Spanish speakers. Others spoke Hindi and wore orange coverings wrapped around their heads.

Detainees are required to walk from site to site with their hands clasped behind their backs, as if they are handcuffed. Most employees don't speak Spanish or Hindi and communicate with migrants using hand signals or a few words of English that one person can translate to others.

Authorities at Winn said immigrants are better behaved and easier to oversee than inmates at a regular prison.

"There's been very little trouble," said Keith Deville, the facility's warden. "When you have convicted felons, they act a lot different."

Immigration detention has become increasingly controversial during the Trump

administration, which separated thousands of families as part of a "zero-tolerance" policy at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The 51,000 immigrants that ICE is detaining across the country is just below an agency record set earlier this year and is several thousand more than authorized by Congress. The number of migrants has remained above 50,000 even as border crossings have fallen in recent months and the Trump administration has been aggressive about returning border crossers to Mexico and denying asylum claims.

Advocates blame the government for detaining legitimate asylum seekers and say the jails in Louisiana epitomize the problem.

A federal judge recently ruled that ICE was unlawfully refusing to release asylum seekers in Louisiana, and lawyers say very few people are released from Winn or other facilities in the state.

ICE has expanded its pres-

ence in Louisiana as other states have told the agency to stay out.

California and Illinois banned private immigration jails altogether, and even in conservative Texas, the Republican-led government of Williamson County voted to end ICE detention at a 500-bed jail.

There's no such resistance in Winn Parish or other rural Louisiana communities.

Winnfield, the largest city in the parish and the birth-place of legendary Louisiana Gov. Huey Long, has a tiny downtown with as many empty storefronts as open shops. Timber trucks carrying chopped logs from the surrounding forests roll down the highway. Sheriff Cranford Jordan said that aside from lumber, the area's two biggest job engines are the schools and the prison.

But Louisiana's criminal justice reforms could have eventually led to the prison closing, Jordan said.

"It would be devastating," he said. "You'd see people moving, bankruptcy. It would be like an automobile plant closing."

LaSalle Corrections, which was already running the prison, agreed to a five-year contract to hold ICE detainees in May. It also made a \$2,000 contribution to the sheriff's campaign in March.

A privately held company based in Ruston, Louisiana, LaSalle operates six of the eight converted jails opened since last year.

LaSalle's facilities are spread out across Louisiana, connected by rural roads winding through forests and farmland. To advocates like Homero López, executive director of the New Orleans-based Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy, the isolation is a serious problem for immigrants.

"Just the fact that you're detaining people in such rural, isolated places makes it not only difficult for the person themselves to fight their case, but it even makes it nearly impossible for them to get attorneys to represent them," López said.



Evidence from ex-Dallas cop's murder trial fuels mistrust

By JAKE BLEIBERG

DALLAS (AP) — Evidence from the trial of a former Dallas police officer convicted of killing her neighbor has fueled new questions about whether accused officers are treated differently than other suspects, including testimony that a camera in the cruiser where the officer sat after the shooting was flipped off and that her sexual text messages with her partner were deleted.

Even as Amber Guyger begins her 10-year prison sentence for murder in Botham Jean's September 2018 death, testimony in her case has prompted demands for the head of a police union to step down. It also has led Dallas Police Chief U. Reneé Hall to announce the internal affairs department would look into the deleted texts and deactivated camera. The Dallas County District Attorney's Office declined to comment Wednesday on whether it is also investigating

Dallas Police Association President Mike Mata said Wednesday that he was guarding Guyger's rights when he had another officer shut off the camera in a police car where Guyger waited after the shooting. Guyger and her partner, Martin Rivera, both acknowledged from the witness stand that they deleted text messages following Jean's death about their on-and-off relationship. Prosecutors managed to recover the texts and argued that Guyger was distracted by the explicit messages she exchanged with Rivera soon before she walked into Jean's apartment, which she said she thought was her own. Guyger testified that she mistook the 26-year-old accountant from the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia for an intruder before shooting him.

Raising the 31-year-old officer's sexual text messages with her partner, Mata said,

was prosecutors' "attempt to slut shame her."

Some Dallas residents' deep mistrust of their police has been on display since Guyger's trial ended.

The first meeting of a new Community Police Oversight Committee ended with shoving and shouting Tuesday night when the panel adjourned without taking public comment. Hall intervened and opened the floor to discussion, much of it critical of the department and mistrustful of the committee's intensions.

conspiracy ries have swirled around the death of a witness in Guyger's trial, who was shot dead two days after her sentencing. Investigators said Tuesday that the killing of Joshua Brown, who like Jean was black, was unrelated to his testimony and that they suspect three Louisiana men , who were allegedly in Dallas to buy

Lee Merritt, a lawyer who represents the Jean and Brown families, said he has no reason to doubt Dallas detectives' conclusions. But he's asking the department to turn the investigation of Brown's death over to another agency.

"It will be nearly impossible to conduct a reliable investigation in a climate where



Holding a Bible given to her by State District Judge Tammy Kent, former Dallas Police Officer Amber Guyger leaves court for jail following her sentencing, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, in Dallas.

the investigating agency has been implicated in the murder itself," Merritt said in a Tuesday. "That implication naturally stems from a trial where a Dallas police officer was convicted of murder and other DPD officers were shown to have participated in condemnable behavior in destroying evidence and interfering with an investigation." Mata said the text messages were not related to the shooting and prosecutors only brought them up at Guyger's trial to put "the scarlet letter on her as a person involved in adultery." Rivera was married;

As for the car camera, Mata said he did nothing

Guyger was not.

wrong by having it turned

"She was talking with her attorney, and that's attorney-client privilege," Mata said. "(The lead prosecutor) pushed this narrative to make it look like the department was corrupt and I was corrupt and unethical. It's a win-at-all-costs type of mentality."

Dr. Brian Williams, the former head of the Dallas' police oversight board, said the actions revealed at trial further eroded trust for police that already is thin in the community.

"When you're working to try to build trust things like that do not work to the advantage of bringing both parties together," he said.

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Police: Memory card depicts woman's killing, man in custody

By BECKY BOHRER

A man was in custody after videos were found on a digital memory card depicting a woman being as-Alaska said Wednesday. Anchorage police said a

caller last week reported finding the card on a city street. Police believe human remains found along a highway earlier this month are those of the woman depicted in the videos. Authorities said they are work-

ing to identify the woman and her manner of death. Police said they obtained a warrant for the arrest of Brian Steven Smith on saulted and killed, police in a murder charge and arrested him Tuesday at an to be arraigned Wednes-Anchorage airport. Police spokesman MJ Thim said Smith had been on a flight returning to Anchorage. He did not know where Smith's flight had originated.

He said Smith, 48, lives in Anchorage but is from South Africa. Police were familiar investigation, Thim said, though he declined to provide details. Court records did not list an attorney for Smith, who was scheduled day afternoon. Thim said police believe Smith recorded the events himself in an area hotel room. He said there were "multiple" pictures and videos on the card. He said police believe the killing occurred in early September.

with Smith from another



EU sees hope in Brexit talks; Irish leader sees wide gaps

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Despite having only days to bridge wide divisions over Brexit, the European Union maintained a semblance of hope Wednesday that the acrimonious fight over Britain's departure from the bloc could somehow still be settled amicably.

Across the European Parliament, voices resonated with frustration that one of the most important events for both the EU and the U.K. in decades had turned into a tone-deaf dialogue only three weeks ahead of Britain's planned Oct. 31 departure.

EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said he was working together with EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier on a last-gasp

"Personally, I don't exclude a deal. Michel and myself are working on a deal," Juncker said.

He refused to be more specific but made clear that Brexit talks between the two sides haven't come to an irreparable standstill.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has vowed to take



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker addresses European lawmakers at the European Parliament in Brussels, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

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his country out of the EU on Oct. 31 with or without a divorce deal. If Britain does leave, it will be the first EU nation to exit the bloc, ending almost half a century of U.K. membership that brought economic and diplomatic clout to both sides.

For now, Juncker insisted

Johnson needed to stop pouring all the blame on the EU for the negotiating standstill. On Tuesday, Johnson's Downing Street office claimed EU intransigence had made it "essentially impossible" for the UK to leave with a deal.

"We are not accepting this blame game that started in

London," Juncker said. Johnson, who took office in July after British lawmak-

ers rejected the Brexit deal of his predecessor Theresa May three times, delivered his own Brexit proposals to the bloc last week.

Britain is seeking to renegotiate May's rejected divorce deal to loosen the economic ties binding the U.K. to the bloc while ensuring there is no hard border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland.

Barnier said the U.K.'s ideas were fundamentally flawed because they would mean imposing customs checks on the island of Ireland, and because they gave Northern Ireland's regional authority a veto on how to proceed.

"The proposal of the British government as things stand is not something we can accept," he said.

Johnson's proposals crossed so many of the EU's red lines, Barnier said, that he would need to fundamentally revamp his proposals — something the British leader has said he will not do.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said Ireland wanted a Brexit deal but "not at any cost."

"It's going to be very difficult to secure an agreement by next week, quite frankly," Varadkar told Irish broadcaster RTE late Tuesday after a 40-minute phone call with Johnson.

In historic sale, Greek debt carries negative interest rate

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS **Associated Press**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) -More than a year after Greece exited its bailout programs, investors made history in the country Wednesday by buying its short-term debt at a negative yield, meaning they volunteered at least in theory to get less money back than they paid.

Greece's debt management agency said it raised 487.5 million euros (\$535 million) selling 13-week treasury bills for which the yield was -0.02%. Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said the sale of bills with a negative yield was a first for Greece... "To put it simply, we're being paid to borrow money," Mitsotakis told his centerright party's lawmakers.

Other European countries offer even measlier returns on their treasury bills.

Lending at a loss, however



Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, left, speaks with the European Council President Donald Tusk during their meeting at Maximos Mansion in Athens, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

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many investors see government bonds as a safe place to channel excess liquidity amid global instability and stock market turmoil; the negative yield means they are willing to pay a fee for that safety.

Negative rates in Greece

small, appears daft. But and elsewhere in Europe also result from European Central Bank monetary stimulus. The bank plans a new round of bond purchases, which would pump newly printed money into the economy to support stronger inflation and growth.

The expected purchases the country balanced its have driven government bond prices up and yields, which move in the opposite direction, down into negative territory at times. Large swaths of the European government bond market trade in negative territory. Germany sold a 30-year bond at a nega-

With more negative yields on the debts of other countries, Greece offers better terms for those determined to buy short-term debt.

tive yield.

At the start of its financial crisis, in 2010, Greece was locked out of bond markets as investors feared they wouldn't get their money back. Bondholders were in fact later forced to accept large losses on their investments.

From then until August 2018 Greece survived on international bailouts that were provided on the condition budget, cut spending, increased tax revenues and reformed the economy.

Greece's borrowing costs have declined steadily this year but remain higher than those of other European countries that went through recent financial rough patches, such as Italy, Spain, Cyprus and Portugal.

The improved economy and better budget execution lower the perceived risk for investors interested in buying Greek debt, particularly short-term. Nevertheless, the country's credit rating is still well below investment grade.

Analyst Manos Chadzidakis, the head of research at Beta Securities, said the decline in Greek yields would benefit domestic corporate borrowing costs, which rocketed during the financial crisis.q



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It said a roughly 36-minute video posted online featured the assailant, who spoke a combination of English and German, denying the Holocaust before he shot a woman in the street after failing to enter the synagogue. He then entered a nearby kebab shop and killed another person before fleeing.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, said authorities must assume that it was an anti-Semitic attack, and said prosecutors believe there may be a right-wing extremist motive. He said several people were hurt.

The attack "strikes the Jewish community, Jewish people not just in Germany but particularly in Germany, to the core," said the country's main Jewish leader, Josef Schuster. "It was, I think, only lucky circumstances that prevented a bigger massacre."

The filming of Wednesday's attack echoed another horrific shooting halfway around the world when a far-right white supremacist in March killed 51 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and livestreamed much of the attack on Facebook. That massacre drew strong criticism of social media giants for not immediately finding and blocking such a violent video.

Wednesday's assault followed attacks in the United States over the past year on synagogues in Pittsburgh and Poway, California.

The head of Halle's Jewish The SITE community, Max Privorozki, told news magazine Der Spiegel that a surveillance camera at the entrance of the synagogue showed a

the building.

"The assailant shot several times at the door and also threw several Molotov cocktails, firecrackers or grenades to force his way in," he said. "But the door remained closed — God protected us. The whole thing lasted perhaps five to 10 minutes."

A video clip shown on regional public broadcaster MDR showed a man in a helmet and an olive-colored top getting out of a car and firing four shots from behind the vehicle from a long-barreled gun. Conrad Roessler said he was in the kebab shop when a man with a helmet and a military jacket threw something that looked like a grenade, which bounced off the doorframe. He said the man then shot into the shop.

"All the customers next to me ran, of course I did too. I think there were five or six of us in there," Roessler told n-tv television. "The man behind me probably died." "I hid in the toilet," he added. "The others looked for the back entrance. I didn't know if there was one. I locked myself quietly in this toilet, and wrote to my family that I love them, and waited for something to happen." Police then came into the shop, he said.

Schuster offered his condolences to the relatives of "the two completely uninvolved people" who were killed and his sympathy to those were wounded. German authorities didn't give any details on the victims.

Group said the video on livestreaming site Twitch was chosen, although she started with the assailant noted that recent attempts saying "my name is Anon by Facebook and Twitter to and I think the Holocaust crack down on such mateperson trying to break into never happened." He men- rial may be forcing attack-

tioned feminism and "mass immigration" and said that "the root of all these problems is the Jew."

The video, which apparently was filmed with a headmounted camera, showed the perpetrator driving up to the synagogue in a car packed with ammunition and what appeared to be home-made explosives.

He tried two doors and placed a device at the bottom of a gate, then fired at a woman trying to walk past his parked car. The assailant then fired rounds into the synagogue's door, which didn't open. He drove a short distance to park opposite the kebab shop. He fired at what appeared to be an employee, while customers scrambled away.

Twitch said it was "shocked and saddened" by the attack. "We worked with urgency to remove this content and will permanently suspend any accounts found to be posting or reposting content of this abhorrent act," it said in an emailed response to a query about Wednesday's events. It wasn't immediately able to confirm who streamed the footage.

Twitch, owned by e-commerce giant Amazon, is best known as a site for watching others play video games, sometimes with commentary and tips for viewers. Wednesday's attack appeared to be the first real-world violence livestreamed on Twitch, said Hannah Bloch-Wehba, a law professor at Drexel Intelligence University. She said it was hard to guess why Twitch



A man, wearing traditional Jewish clothing, reacts after he was escorted by the police to a bus at a Jewish cemetery and synagoque in Halle, Germany, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

Associated Press

ers to look for new outlets. Federal prosecutors, who in Germany handle cases involving suspected terrorism or national security, took over the investigation into the attack in Halle.

Authorities said shortly after the shooting that a person had been arrested, but advised residents to stay indoors for several hours as they worked to determine whether there were other assailants. They gave no information on the suspect but Der Spiegel and dpa, which cited unidentified security sources, said the suspect is a 27-year-old German citizen from Saxony-Anhalt state, where Halle is located. They identified him only as Stephan B.

Synagogues are often protected by police in Germany and have been for many years amid concerns over far-right and Islamic extremism, but Schuster said that there was no police presence outside Wednesday.

there had been police protection there, in all probnot have been able to attack a second site," he said. David Harris said.

Security was stepped up at synagogues in other cities after the shooting in Halle. German officials rushed to condemn the attack. Chancellor Angela Merkel visited a synagogue in Berlin on Wednesday evening in a show of solidarity.

"Shots being fired at a synagogue on Yom Kippur, the festival of reconciliation, hits us in the heart," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said on Twitter. "We must all act against anti-Semitism in our country."

Anti-Semitism is a top concern in Germany, where reports of anti-Semitic incidents rose 10% last year, according to Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center and where Merkel's government earlier this year reaffirmed its commitment to protecting Jews who wear skullcaps from anti-Semitic threats. Wednesday's attack drew renewed calls from Jewish groups in the U.S. to step up cooperathe Halle synagogue on tion in combating anti-Semitism. "We have been "I am convinced that if saying for several years that anti-Semitism is real, it's resurgent, it's lethal and it's ability the assailant would multi-sourced," American Jewish Committee CEO



Turkey launches offensive against Kurdish fighters in Syria

By LEFTERIS PITARAKIS BASSEM MROUE Associated Press AKCAKALE, Turkey

— Turkey launched a military operation Wednesday against Kurdish fighters in northeastern Syria after U.S. forces pulled back from the area, with a series of airstrikes hitting a town on Syria's northern border.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced the start of the campaign, which followed an abrupt decision Sunday by U.S. President Donald Trump that American troops would step aside to allow for the operation.

Trump's move represented a shift in U.S. policy that essentially abandoned the Syrian Kurdish fighters who have been America's only allies on the ground in Syria. They were longtime U.S. allies in the fight against the Islamic State group.

After Turkey's offensive began, there was sign of panic in the streets of Ras al-Ayn— one of the towns under attack with residential areas close to the borders. Cars raced to safety, although it was not clear if they were leaving the town or heading away from border areas. Near the town of Qamishli, plumes of smoke were seen rising from an area close to the border after activists reported sounds of explosion nearby.

The Kurdish forces have warned of a "humanitarian catastrophe" that could potentially unfold because of the Turkish military operation

"Our mission is to prevent the creation of a terror corridor across our southern border, and to bring peace to the area," Erdogan said in a tweet.

He added that Turkish Armed Forces, together with Turkish-backed Syrian fighters known as the Syrian National Army, had begun what they called "Operation Peace Spring" against Kurdish fighters to eradicate what Erdogan said was "the threat of terror" against Turkey.

Minutes before Erdogan's announcement, Turkish jets began pounding suspect-



Turkey's Defense Minister Hulusi Akar, front center, flanked by Turkish army's top commanders before he speak at the National Defence University, in Istanbul, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

Associated Press

ed positions of Syrian Kurdish forces in the town of Ras al Ayn, according to Turkish media and Syrian activists. The sound of explosions could be heard in Turkey.

A photograph released to Turkish media showed Erdogan at his desk, reportedly giving orders for the start of the operation.

It was difficult to know what was hit in the first hours of the operation.

Mustafa Bali, a spokesman for the U.S.-backed Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, said Turkish warplanes were targeting "civilian areas" in northern Syria, causing "a huge panic" in the region.

Before Turkey's attack, Syrian Kurdish forces that are allied with the United States issued a general mobilization call, warning of a "humanitarian catastrophe.".

The Turkish operation meant to create a so-called "safe zone" carries potential gains and risk for Turkey by getting even more deeply involved in the Syria war. It also would ignite new fighting in Syria's 8-year-old war, potentially displacing hundreds of thousands.

Turkey has long threatened to attack the Kurdish fighters whom Ankara considers terrorists allied with a Kurdish insurgency in Turkey. Associated Press journalists on the Turkish side of the border overlooking Tal Abyad saw Turkish forces crossing into Syria in military vehicles Wednesday.

Expectations of an invasion increased after Trump's announcement, although he also threatened to "totally destroy and obliterate" Turkey's economy if the Turkish push into Syria went too far. Turkey has been massing troops for days along its border with Syria and vowed it would go ahead with the military operation and not bow to the U.S. threat.

Trump later cast his decision to pull back U.S. troops from parts of northeast Syria as fulfilling a campaign promise to withdraw from the "endless war" in the Middle East. Republican critics and others said he was sacrificing an ally, the Syrian Kurdish forces, and undermining Washington's credibility.

Fahrettin Altun, the Turkish presidency's communications director, called on the international community in a Washington Post op-ed published Wednesday to rally behind Ankara, which he said would also take over the fight against the Islamic State group.

Turkey aimed to "neutralize" Syrian Kurdish militants in northeastern Syria and to "liberate the local population from the yoke of the armed thugs," Altun wrote. Erdogan discussed plans for the incursion with Rus-

sian President Vladimir Putin. Erdogan's office said the Turkish leader told his Russian counterpart by phone that the planned military action in the region east of the Euphrates River "will contribute to the peace and stability" and also "pave the way for a political process" in Syria.

In its call for a general mobilization, the local civilian Kurdish authority known as the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria, also asked the international community to live up to its responsibilities as "a humanitarian catastrophe might befall our people."

The Kurds also said that they want the U.S.-led coalition to set up a no-fly zone in northeastern Syria to protect the civilian population from Turkish airstrikes.

The U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish group urged Moscow to broker and guarantee talks with the Syrian government in Damascus in light of Turkey's planned military operation. The Syrian Kurdish-led administration said in a statement it is responding positively to calls from Moscow encouraging the Kurds and the Syrian government to settle their difference through talks.

Syria's Foreign Ministry condemned Turkey's plans, calling it a "blatant violation" of international law and vowing to repel an incursion. Although it blamed some Kurdish groups for what is happening, saying they were being used as a tool to help an alleged "American project," it said Syria is ready to welcome back its "stray sons if they return to their senses," referring to the pro-U.S. Kurdish fighters.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accused Washington of playing "very dangerous games" with the Syrian Kurds, saying that the U.S. first propped up the Syrian Kurdish "quasi state" in northeastern Syria and is now withdrawing its support.

"Such reckless attitude to this highly sensitive subject can set fire to the entire region, and we have to avoid it at any cost," he said during a visit to Kazakhstan. Russian news media said Moscow communicated that position to Washington

Earlier Wednesday, IS militants targeted a post of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, which was once the de facto IS capital at the height of the militants' power in the region.

The SDF, which is holding thousands of IS fighters in several detention facilities in northeastern Syria, has warned that a Turkish incursion might lead to the resurgence of the extremists. The U.S.-allied Kurdishled force captured the last IS area controlled by the militants in eastern Syria in March.

In the IS attack, three suicide bombers struck Kurdish positions in Raqqa. There was no immediate word on casualties.

An activist collective known as Raqqa is being Silently Slaughtered reported an exchange of fire and an explosion.

The Observatory said the attack involved two IS fighters who engaged in a shootout before blowing themselves up.

IS claimed responsibility, saying one of its members killed or wounded 13 SDF members.



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Sri Lankan leader's party to support Rajapaksa in polls

By BHARATHA MALLA-**WARACHI**

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) Sri Lanka's president will stay neutral in the upcoming presidential election but his party will back a breakaway party candidate, front-runner Gotabaya Rajapaksa, officials said Wednesday.

Sri Lanka Freedom Party General Secretary Dayasiri Jayasekara said President Maithripala Sirisena has temporarily stepped aside from leading the party to ensure his neutrality. He said the decision was made because questions could arise about the impartiality of police, which Sirisena oversees.

The move is seen as an attempt by the ramshackle party to stay relevant after losing a majority of its loyalists to the breakaway Sri Lanka People's Front, which



Sri Lankan presidential candidate and former defense chief Gotabaya Rajapaksa speaks during his maiden election campaign rally in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

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Rajapaksa is using to con- Party Vice President Matest the election.

It is the first time that the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the country's second-largest for more than six decades, has not fielded a candidate in a major national election.

hinda Samarasinghe told reporters that the decision to support Rajapaksa, a former defense chief, was made with the backdrop of the volatile security situation following Easter Sunday bomb attacks that killed more than 260 peo-

"He is a proven administrator," Samarasinghe said. Rajapaksa, who served under his brother, former

strongman President Ma-

hinda Rajapaksa, is popular among majority Sinhalese for his part in ending a long civil war against ethnic minority Tamil rebels a decade ago. He has been accused of condoning rights abuses.

Rajapaksa said at his inaugural election rally in the northwestern town of Anuradhapura on Wednesday that he will ensure the release of all soldiers being held for alleged human rights violations as soon as he is elected.

The step, if carried out, would reverse the current government's commitment to the U.N. Human Rights Council that alleged rights violations by both government soldiers and the Tamil Tiger rebels will be investigated, and courts will be set up to try suspects with the help of international prosecutors and judges.

China's Xi to visit India this week, meet with Modi

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NEW DELHI (AP) — Chinese President Xi Jinping is coming to India to meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, just weeks after China supported Pakistan in raising the issue of India's recent actions in disputed Kashmir at the U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York.

India stripped Kashmir's semi-autonomous status in August, deploying thousands of troops and cutting off internet connectivity to prevent protests. Inousands of people, including mainstream political leaders and young people, have also been detained. The Himalavan region of Kashmir is claimed by both Pakistan and India and split

between them.

dia should not act unilaterally on Kashmir, a portion of which China also controls, and where there have been occasional border skirmishes between India and China.

On Oct. 31, New Delhi will take direct control of Ladakh, the border region famous for its sparsely populated and stunning landscapes, Buddhist monks in mountaintop monasteries and elusive snow leopards prowling rugged terrain.

India's Ministry of External more than a dozen libetan Affairs said Wednesday students to sign statements that Xi and Modi will meet promising not to engage in in the southern coastal city of Chennai on Friday and Saturday to "exchange views on deepening" the two countries' development.

At the U.N., China said In- They also will visit the nearby temple town of Mamallapuram.

Xi and Modi last met one-

on-one at a resort in Wuhan, China, in April 2018. Indian security forces have detained 10 Tibetan activists, including noted novelist and poet Tenzin Tsundue, near Chennai to stifle any protests during Xi's visit, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Regional police in the southern state of Tamil Nadu also have asked activities that may "commit breach of peace or disturb the public tranquility," according to a photo of the document provided by the Tibetan Students' Associa-



In this Sept. 17, 2014, file photo, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, right, welcomes Chinese President Xi Jinping, upon his arrival at a hotel in Ahmadabad, India.

Associated Press

tion of Madras. Two leaders lish lecturer at Hindustan of the student association College in suburban Chenwere among those detained on Sunday.

nai, was also arrested on Tuesday and remains in Dr. Tenzin Norbu, an Eng-custody.

Evo Morales faces toughest test to keep power in Bolivia

By CARLOS VALDEZ Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — He was a llama shepherd from the Bolivian highlands who one day became the first indigenous president of a majority indigenous nation, a leftist union leader of rowdy street protests who came to preside over more than a decade of business-boosting economic growth in South America's poorest country.

Now Evo Morales may be facing his toughest test as president. Voters once excited by his fairy tale rise have grown wary of his reluctance to leave power and uneasy at his policies. Morales coasted to victory in previous elections, becoming the longest-serving leader of a nation long notorious for instability. But polls point to a close race in the Oct. 20 vote, where he will seek a fourth term.

"After a long time, we're facing very tight elections," said Franklin Pareja, a political science professor in La Paz.

While opinion surveys show Morales leading, they also indicate he may not win outright in the first round, setting up a December runoff election in which he would be in danger of losing to a united opposition. Surrounded by nations reeling from economic crises, Bolivia under Morales remains a rare example of stability and growth. The 59-year-old president is credited with pragmatic economic stewardship that spread Bolivia's natural gas and mineral wealth among the masses.



A campaign poster featuring President Evo Morales giving a thumbs up reads in Spanish "Evo and the people.

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Since he took office in 2006, the economy has grown by an annual average of about 4.5%, well above the regional average, and the International Monetary Fund predicts it will grow at 4 percent this year.

Following a boom in commodities prices a decade ago, Morales paved roads, sent Bolivia's first satellite to space and curbed inflation. Stadiums, markets, schools, state enterprises and even a village bear his name.

Known for his charisma and a folksy sense of humor, he remains highly popular among Bolivia's poorest.

"Morales has set the presence of the state in every single corner," Pareja said. The president, he added, "revamped the self-confidence of Bolivians. He marked a before and after."

But conservatives have al-

ways distrusted the leader of the Movement Toward Socialism party and many Bolivians were upset at his attempt to seek another re-election despite a popular referendum that upheld term limits. He was able to run only because of a Supreme Court ruling that the limits violated his political rights.

Some also complain of alleged excesses, such as a \$7 million museum that opened in 2017 in his hometown of Orinoca, a highland village of poor farmers and llama shepherds where only a few streets are paved and many homes lack potable water and sewage systems.

After first taking office, he reduced his salary and promised austerity. But shortly after, he bought a new airplane and built a 26-story presidential palace with a heliport.

While Morales has avoided the personal corruption scandals that have tarred or toppled leaders in neighboring Brazil, Peru and Argentina, Human Rights Watch has accused his government of undermining judicial independence by arbitrarily dismissing nearly 100 judges since 2017. The group said the judges were not given any reason for the dismissals by a Magistrates Council dominated by allies of Mo-

Bolivia's top electoral court accepted his candidacy for a fourth term despite a constitutional ban and the referendum against such re-election.

Environmentalists and many young people were angered this year with his response to thousands of forest fires that many say were encouraged by his push to develop areas with

slash-and-burn agriculture. Some indigenous groups have been upset by development efforts on their lands.

Even in his hometown, some are wary.

"Before we saw him more concerned about the people. Now, not so much," said a woman who has a modest neighborhood store in Orinoca. She would reveal only her first name, Maria, saying she feared what the government could do if she spoke out freely in Morales' hometown.

"If he goes out (of office) or gets (re-elected), it's all the same to me," she said

Morales, born in 1959, herded llamas as an Aymara child on Bolivia's wind-swept highlands plateau and accompanied his father to Argentina as an impoverished migrant. His family grew coca, an important traditional tea that is also the raw material for cocaine, and he rose to prominence as a leader of a coca growers' union fighting U.S. efforts to ban the plant.

In his spare time, he is also an avid soccer fan who has often played with journalists, union leaders, diplomats and even other presidents. Morales has ordered the construction of playing fields nationwide and collects jerseys from professional players, including Argentine star Lionel Messi. Morales has also attempted to promote indigenous cultures that were long looked down upon, and has often celebrated reverence for the Pachamama, or Mother Earth.

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at B v/d Veen Zeppenfeldt straat #20 in San Nicolas, this is where the workshops take place.

The first workshop starts October 25th and is all about mosaic. The local artist Merveline Geerman will teach you how to work with mosaic and create a humming bird. From 5 to 8 PM you will enjoy three hours where your creativity can flow freely. This workshop is

for participants in the age of 15 and up.

The day after, Saturday October 26st the local artist Natalia Koolman will take you on a three hour enjoyment of creating a mandala on a flower pot. She will guide you through the process and feel assured that every pot will be unique as it reflects your own design. Also you will paint cactus designs on stones. This

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Look, malls are everywhere.

But according to Quora there are three main reasons why a mall is attractive. First reason: Popular brands. Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Prada, Dolce & Gabbana, Cartier, Chopard, CH Carolina Herrera, Michael Kors, Kate Spade are only some of the A-list designer stores in this one-stop shopping Valhalla. Renaissance Mall has them all.

The second reason Quora states: recreation and comfort. Well, Renaissance Mall is covered, cool, offers clean public restrooms, is housed in an elegant building with a classy interior and invites guest to play a round at the casino upstairs. Besides that, you're in midtown, the heart of Oranjestad.

The third reason that brings the customer in: Food! Of course, we need to fuel our inner body too and Renaissance has that ready for you. Starbucks, or a super lunch at Aquarius Restaurant and finish it all off with dinner at L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House.

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Besides the offerings of the mall, there is the walking too. As a matter of fact Mall Walking is a sport in the United States. Yes, it may sound crazy, but people actually walk and/or jog inside malls for exercise. In my opinion a great health boost in combination with shopping. And it's even better at Renaissance Mall, where you are out of the sun and have restrooms available as well as comfy seats and benches to take a moment of rest. You've got your hat and your new pair of shoes? Go get that glass of wine and have a wonderful steak dinner at L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House. And after that why not wander off to that sweet, soft suite at the Renaissance Hotel.

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NBA postpones Nets-Lakers media sessions in Shanghai

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Basketball Writer

The NBA called off scheduled media sessions Wednesday for the Brooklyn Nets and Los Angeles Lakers in Shanghai, and it remains unclear if the teams will play in China this week as scheduled.

The teams were practicing in Shanghai, where at least two other NBA events in advance of the start of the China games were canceled as part of the ongoing rift that started after Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey posted a tweet last week that showed support for anti-government protesters in Hong Kong.

"Given the fluidity of the situation, today's media availability has been postponed," the league said. By nightfall Wednesday in China, which is 12 hours ahead of Eastern time in the U.S., the availabilities had not been rescheduled - though having them on Thursday remains possible. An NBA Cares event in Shanghai that was to benefit Special Olympics was called off, as was a "fan night" celebration that was to be highlighted by the league announcing plans to refurbish some outdoor courts in that city. And workers in multiple spots around Shanghai were tearing down large outdoor promotional advertisements for Thursday's Lakers-Nets game.

The teams are also supposed to play Saturday in Shenzhen.



Winnipeg Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck begins to celebrate a 4-1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins at the end of the third period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.



Continued from Previous Page NBA Commissioner Adam Silver met with players from both the Nets and Lakers on Wednesday in Shanghai, telling them that the league's intention remains to play the games as

scheduled.

Chinese smartphone maker Vivo has joined the list of companies that have suspended — for now, at least — ties with the NBA, and that only adds to the uncertainty over whether the China games will be played. Vivo was a presenting sponsor of the Lakers-Nets games, and on Wednesday there was no reference to the game in Shanghai on the list of upcoming events scheduled at Mercedes-Benz Arena. Other firms such as apparel company Li-Ning announced similar moves earlier this week, as the rift was just beginning.

Silver said Tuesday in Tokyo that he supports Morey's right to free speech. Several Chinese companies have suspended their partnership with the NBA in recent days, and Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said it will not broadcast the Lakers-Nets games.

"I'm sympathetic to our interests here and to our partners who are upset," Silver said. "I don't think it's inconsistent on one hand to be sympathetic to them



A worker takes down a billboard advertising an NBA preseason basketball game on Thursday between the Los Angeles Lakers and Brooklyn Nets in Shanghai, China, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019. **Associated Press**

and at the same time stand by our principles."

All around China, stores that sell NBA merchandise were removing Rockets-related apparel from shelves and many murals featuring the Rockets — even ones with Yao Ming, the Chinese great who played for Houston during his NBA career — were being painted over.

Effects were even felt in at least one NBA arena Tuesday night.

In Philadelphia, where the 76ers were playing a Chinese team — the Guang-

zhou Loong Lions — two fans were removed by arena security for holding signs and chanting in support of Hong Kong. The signs read "Free Hong Kong" and "Free HK." The sentiment was not different from Morey's since-deleted tweet last week of an image that read, "Fight For Freedom. Stand With Hong Kong."

The 76ers and Wells Fargo Center, the team's home arena, released statements Wednesday confirming that the fan removal took place and explaining why. "During the second quarter of last night's 76ers game, Wells Fargo Center security responded to a situation that was disrupting the live event experience for our guests," the arena's statement said. "After three separate warnings, the two individuals were escorted out of the arena without incident. The security team employed respectful and standard operating procedures."

Meanwhile, Silver's sentiments were also a talking point in Miami, where San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich spoke out in support of how the commissioner is handling the situa-

"And it wasn't easy for him to say," Popovich said. "He said that in an environment fraught with possible economic peril. But he sided with the principles that we all hold dearly, or most of us did until the last three years. So I'm thrilled with what he said." Other NBA coaches have not been so willing to discuss the situation. Philadelphia's Brett Brown said he did not wish to get into specifics of the China-NBA rift, though he said he has been to that country many times and is always blown away by how popular the game is there.

"Just massive amounts of basketball courts and you're looking out and there's no available court," Brown said. "It's just people playing on a court. I took a (lower-level) Australian team to China and the story comes there was 400 million viewers watching not the true national team. You're just reminded of the popularity of the sport."

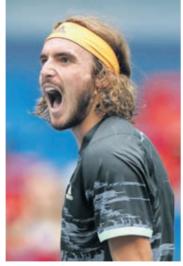
The NBA is not the first maior corporation to deal with criticism from China over political differences. Mercedes-Benz, Delta Air Lines, hotel operator Marriott, fashion brand Zara and others also have found themselves in conflicts with China in recent years.

Djokovic beats Shapovalov to reach 3rd round in Shanghai

SHANGHAI (AP) — Novak Djokovic opened his title defense at the Shanghai Masters by beating Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 6-3 on Wednesday to reach the third round.

Djokovic, who had a bye into the second round, improved his career record against the Canadian to 3-0 and has now won 22 straight sets in Asia — dating back to his title run in Shanghai last year and also including last week's Japan

"Because of the history that I had in this tournament and in general in the Asian swing and lots of success and lots of matches won in my career, I actually feel less pressure because I'm more confident that I



Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece shouts after defeating Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada in the men's singles match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

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can perform at my best," Djokovic said.

Dominic Thiem kept his momentum going as well after winning last week's China Open, beating Pablo Carreno Busta 7-6 (3), 6-3. Thiem had lost in the second round in Shanghai the last four years in a row.

Sixth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas also advanced, beating Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3) for the Greek's first win in six attempts over his Canadian opponent.

The pair have met three ITF Junior Circuit.

felt to finally beat the 19thranked Auger-Aliassime. time, but I prefer not to say what I did differently."

Fifth-seeded Alexander Zverev also advanced to the Round of 16 with a 7-6 (13), 7-6 (3) win over French qualifier Jeremy Chardy.

Zverev, who served 21 aces, saved three set points in the first-set tiebreaker. He won that tiebreaker on his sixth set point.

"It was a great tiebreaker obviously," Zverev said. "We both served incredibly well and didn't hit a lot of second serves. ... Against Jertimes this season, with the emy I always knew it was beating Lucas Pouille of other three matches on the going to be tough espe- France 7-5, 6-3. cially on a surface like that, Taylor Fritz fell to seventhitsipas, when asked how it it's the fastest surface on tour." His biggest problem in the second tiebreaker "I did things differently this came when he lost his grip

on his racket when hitting a forehand and watched it sail into the fourth row of the crowd. However, it landed in an empty seat and was quickly passed back down to the apologetic German. Chardy has now lost 11 consecutive matches against top 10 opponents dating back to when he defeated then fourth-ranked Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria at the 2018 Miami Masters.

The 16th-seeded John Isner was the only one of three Americans to advance,

"Great. Very nice," said Ts- which is lightning fast. I think seeded Karen Khachanov of Russia 6-2, 6-4, and Reilly Opelka lost to eighth-seeded Robert Bautista Agut of Spain 6-4, 7-5.□



Dzingel scores twice as Hurricanes open with 4 straight wins

By The Associated Press SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Ryan 3

Dzingel scored two goals and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Florida Panthers 6-3 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight victory to begin the season, equaling the best start in franchise history.

Teuvo Teravainen and Jordan Staal each had a goal and an assist for Carolina, which scored four times in the first period and opened a 5-0 lead after 21½ minutes. Dougie Hamilton also scored, and Sebastian Aho added an empty-net goal. James Reimer stopped 47 shots against the team that traded him last summer.

Andrei Svechnikov and Haydn Fleury each had two assists as the Hurricanes matched the 4-0-0 start by the Hartford Whalers in 1995-96, before the club moved to Carolina.

Evgenii Dadonov, Keith Yandle and MacKenzie Weegar scored for the Panthers. Aleksander Barkov had two assists.

STARS 4, CAPITALS 3, OT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tyler Seguin scored in overtime to give Dallas its first win of the season.

Seguin ended the Stars' season-opening, game losing streak 43 seconds into overtime off a pass from linemate Alexander Radulov. Dallas avoided a four-game skid to open a season that would've matched a franchise worst.

period and Nick Caamano had the first of his NHL career. The Stars bounced back from Nicklas Backstrom's tying goal for Washington with 30 seconds left in regulation.

Dallas goaltender Ben Bishop stopped 29 of the 32 shots he faced, and Roope Hintz scored his fourth goal in as many games.

Capitals center Evgeny Kuznetsov scored less than five minutes into his season debut after being suspended the first three games for inappropriate conduct. Defenseman John Carlson also scored for Washington, which has lost back-toback games in overtime.

BRUINS 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Brad Marchand had two goals and an assist to lead Boston over Vegas.

The Bruins improved to 3-0-0 on their four-game road trip to start the season, all against Western Conference teams. Boston has outscored Dallas, Arizona and Vegas 7-3, and won its first three games for the first time in the past 18 seasons. David Pastrnak and Torey Krug also scored for the Bruins, and Tuukka Rask made 31 saves. Rask moved into sole possession of 49th place with his 267th career win. Mark Stone, Reilly Smith and Max Pacioretty scored for the Golden Knights. Marc-Andre Fleury made 31 saves but dropped to 12-8-5 against the Bruins with a .915 save percentage.

JETS 4, PENGUINS 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ville Heinola scored his first NHL goal to lead Winnipeg past Pittsburgh.

The Jets got their first win in Pittsburgh since returning to the NHL as an expansion team in 2011.

Tucker Poolman scored his second NHL goal and Neal Pionk his second of the season as three defensemen scored for an inexperienced Jets blue line, which combined for 350 career NHL games.

Nikolaj Ehlers scored his first of the season, while Patrik Laine and Mark Scheifele both had three assists for Radulov scored in the third the Jets, who closed a season-opening, four-game road trip. Connor Hellebuyck made 36 saves in his second start of the season. Sidney Crosby scored his first of the season for Pittsburgh.

PREDATORS 5, SHARKS 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Roman Josi scored two goals to lead Nashville past San Jose.

Kyle Turris, Filip Forsberg and Dante Fabbro also scored for the Predators, who have won two of three to start the season.

Brent Burns had a goal and an assist and Evander Kane also scored for the struggling Sharks, now 0-4.

Josi scored the game's first



Carolina Hurricanes center Ryan Dzingel (18) is congratulated for his goal during the first period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Florida Panthers on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, in Sunrise, Fla. **Associated Press**

two goals, opening the scoring early in the opening period.

DUCKS 3, RED WINGS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Nick Ritchie scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period, and Anaheim beat Detroit.

The Ducks improved to 3-0, matching the best start in franchise history. Anaheim also won its first three in 2006-07 and last season.

Jakob Silfverberg had a goal and an assist and Rickard Rakell also scored for the Ducks. John Gibson made 31 saves.

Filip Hronek scored for Detroit, which lost for the first time this season. Jimmy Howard stopped 26 shots.

OILERS 5, ISLANDERS 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — James Neal had his first career four-goal game and Edmonton beat New York. Zack Kassian also scored as Edmonton won its first road game of the season and improved to 3-0 for the first time in 11 years. Connor McDavid had three assists, Leon Draisatl added two and Mikko Koskinen stopped 25 shots.

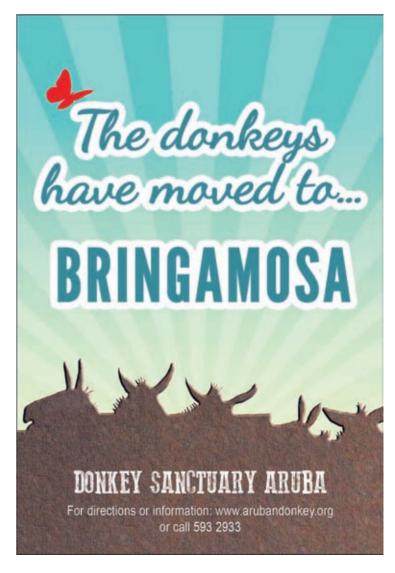
Anthony Beauvillier and Matt Martin scored for the Islanders. Semvon Varlamov, signed to a fouryear deal in the offseason, made his second start of the season but was pulled in the second period after giving up four goals on 19 shots. Thomas Greiss came on and stopped seven of the eight shots he faced.

KINGS 4, FLAMES 3, OT

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) Drew Doughty scored a power-play goal 50 seconds into overtime to give Los Angeles the victory over Calgary.

The Kings picked up their first win after falling 6-5 in their season opener to the host Edmonton Oilers on Saturday.

Tyler Toffoli had a goal and an assist, with Sean Walker and Ilya Kovalchuk also scoring for Los Angeles. Jack Campbell made 26 saves. Matthew Tkachuk countered with two goals and an assist, and Noah Hanifin also scored for Calgary. David Rittich turned away 36 shots.





Rays chase Verlander early, beat Astros 4-1 to even ALDS

By FRED GOODALL ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

The Tampa Bay Rays never doubted themselves, even with Justin Verlander looking to end their season.

Willy Adames homered and made a sensational relay throw from shortstop, and the Rays chased the Houston ace early in beating the Astros 4-1 Tuesday night to even their AL Division Series at two games apiece.

With their second victory in two days over one of baseball's best pitchers, the Rays believe the rest of the country is finally getting a taste of what they're capable of accomplishing.

"Hey, I hate to say it: About time, because we have a really good team over here," Tommy Pham said.

"To win 96 games in this division (the AL East) with New York and Boston is an impressive feat," he added. "All year, we've been getting talked down. And now, with the last two games, the way we played, the whole world has seen how good of a team we are and how well-rounded we are."

The series shifts back to Houston for a deciding Game 5 on Thursday night. Astros star Gerrit Cole is scheduled to pitch for the heavily favored AL West champs, who led the majors with 107 wins this season and have one more chance to close out the feisty Rays. Tyler Glasnow is expected to start for Tampa Bay.

The winner plays the New York Yankees in the AL Championship Series.

Pham homered for the second time this postseason and Ryan Yarbrough combined with five other pitchers on a six-hitter for Tampa Bay. Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell came out of the bullpen for his first career relief appearance, holding off Houston in the ninth inning to earn the save.

Verlander, starting on short rest after dominating the wild-card Rays in Game 1, looked uncomfortable on the mound at Tropicana Field and was pulled in the fourth after giving up four



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander reacts after giving up a home run to Tampa Bay Rays' Willy Adames during the fourth inning of Game 4 of a baseball American League Division Series, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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runs.

Verlander, whose eight career ALDS victories are a major league record, yielded three runs in the first. Adames homered leading off the fourth to make it 4-0, and the eight-time All-Star didn't make it through the inning.

"A good approach for those guys in the first, and then honestly, I need those infield singles to be caught. When you don't have it, you need the balls that are put in play to go your way, and they didn't," said Verlander, who only started on short rest three other times during his career, including the 2011 ALDS, when he started Games 1 and 3 after Game 1 was suspended in the second inning.

"Obviously, not the way you would script it," he added. "It sucks."

The Rays helped themselves by playing stellar defense, especially with the Astros threatening to cut into their three-run deficit in the fourth.

With speedy Jose Altuve on first base, Yordan Alvarez hit a long double that short-hopped the center field wall. Two-time Gold Glove winner Kevin Kiermaier quickly grabbed the ball and fired to his cutoff man, Adames. He turned and executed a perfect relay home just in time to nail Altuve trying to score.

"That was probably the

most incredible relay throw from an infielder I've ever seen," Kiermaier said. "That was such a huge moment for us, huge momentum shift, and it just doesn't get any better than that."

Avisaíl García had four hits for Tampa Bay, and Pham added three.

Rays opener Diego Castillo struck out the first three batters and went 1 2/3 innings. He was followed by Yarbrough, who worked two scoreless innings to get the win. Nick Anderson handed off to Colin Poche, who gave up an eighthinning homer to Robinson Chirinos.

Emilio Pagan and Snell finished up for the Rays, who have rebounded from losing the first two games of the series on the road to Verlander and Houston's other main headliner, Cole. "A lot of credit to them for their preparation and putting themselves in this position," Cole said. "I certainly think they've earned it. ... They've played calm, cool and collected."

Altuve drew a one-out walk and Alex Bregman singled to help the Astros bring the potential tying run to the plate in the ninth.

Snell, who started Game 2, entered and struck out Alvarez before retiring Yuli Gurriel on a sharp grounder up the middle — exactly where the Rays were playing him — to end the game.

Charlie Morton, who helped Houston win the World Series two years ago, began the Rays' comeback by beating his former team 10-3 on Monday.

Needing one win to reach the ALCS for a third straight year, the Astros opted to start Verlander on just three days of rest in hopes of closing out the Rays, who have won three elimination games in a week to stay in the running for their first trip to the ALCS since 2008.

Houston manager AJ Hinch said it was an easy decision to go with Verlander, who was 8-0 in 12 ALDS appearances, including 11 starts, before Tuesday night.

Verlander limited the Rays to one hit over seven scoreless innings in Game 1, and it looked as though Tampa Bay might be in for another long night when he fanned Austin Meadows to begin the bottom of the first.

What transpired over the next six batters — beginning with Pham's 408-foot shot to left-center that got a yellow flag-waving, boisterous crowd of 32,178 into it — could fuel some second-guessing if Houston doesn't win Game 5.

"In the postseason, you ask somebody to do something that's not normal, it's always a little nerve-wracking," Hinch said.

"I understand with the results, it's tough," he added.
"I felt it was the best chance

to win the series — JV today and Gerrit in Game 5 if we needed it. We're going to test the latter part of that in Game 5."

Four of the next five Rays also reached base, building the lead to 3-0. Travis d'Arnaud hit an RBI single and Joey Wendle lined a double into the right-field corner to drive in another run.

"I always say when we score early, we're very, very dangerous," Kiermaier said. "Three runs in the first inning, you couldn't draw it up any better. We wanted him to throw as many pitches as possible. We wanted to get him out of the game quick, and we did just that."

PACKED HOUSE

Seating capacity at Tropicana Field was reduced to 25,025 this year, but the Rays removed the tarps covering a portion of the upper deck to allow more fans an opportunity to buy tickets for Games 3 and 4 of the ALDS.

After drawing 32,251 on Monday, more than twice the club's AL-worst season average of 14,734 per game, attendance was announced as 32,178 on Tuesday night.

"Certainly, players like to play in front of a lot of fans. Everybody recognizes that," manager Kevin Cash said. "But when it mattered, when it counted ... they showed up."

CROWDED AISLE

Astros SS Carlos Correa returned to the lineup for the ALDS after missing the final seven games of the regular season due to back tightness that flared up during a flight to Seattle. He said Tuesday he's 100 percent healthy and isn't placing any limitations on himself in the playoffs. He also revealed what he's doing to try to avoid his back tightening up again during a plane ride.

"I'm laying on the aisle," Correa said, adding he "felt awesome" when he arrived in Florida before Game 3. "Got my sleep, got my rest,"

"Got my sleep, got my rest," he explained. "Just happy to be back with the team and on the field once again."





In this Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, file photo, Buffalo Bills wide receiver Zay Jones warms up before an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

AP Source: Bills trade receiver **Zay Jones to Raiders**

By JOHN WAWROW **AP Sports Writer** ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)

 Receiver Zay Jones is going from the end of the Buffresh start with the Raiders after being traded to Oakland, a person familiar with the deal confirmed to The Associated Press on Mon-

Buffalo acquired a fifthround pick in the 2021 draft, according to the person who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the trade has not been announced. ESPN.com first reported the deal.

The trade comes as both teams enter their bye weeks, and a day after Jones sat on the Bills bench for all but one snap in a 14-7 win at Tennessee.

Rookie Duke Williams took over Jones' role as the No. 3 receiver and scored the decisive touchdown on a 7-yard catch in the fourth quarter a day after being promoted from the practice squad. Jones was upbeat following the game, and drew praise from Williams for providing him support before and during the game.

Jones' benching came a week after he was faulted for not helping break up one of three interceptions thrown by Josh Allen in a 16-10 loss to New England. He also had a potential goahead touchdown glance off his fingertips in the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Buffalo is 4-1, while Oakland improved to 3-2 following a 24-21 win over Chicago in a game played at London. The Raiders, who are off falo Bills bench to landing a until playing at Green Bay on Oct. 20, have an injury depleted group of receivers with starters Tyrell Williams and J.J. Nelson both sidelined.

> In Buffalo, Jones was expendable on a team carrying seven receivers following Williams' promotion.

> Coach Sean McDermott provided no hint of the possibility of Jones being traded while speaking to reporters earlier in the day. McDermott referred to Jones as someone who is continuing to develop.

> "I think he's still young in his career and he'll continue to do a good job as he continues to focus on what he can control," McDermott said. "I really appreciated the way he took a teamfirst approach yesterday."

third-year struggled this season in attempting to carve a niche in a retooled group of receivers following Buffalo's offseason additions of free agents John Brown and Cole Beasley.

Zay Jones had a frightening meltdown following his NFL rookie season.

He was arrested but not charged in February 2018, when police found him found him naked and bloodied after trashing a downtown Los Angeles apartment.



New Orleans Saints quarterback Teddy Bridgewater (5) throws in the first half of an NFL football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019.

Associated Press

Pats still No. 1, Saints move to No. 2 in AP Pro32 poll

By SIMMI BUTTAR **AP Pro Football Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — When quarterback Drew Brees injured his right thumb in Week 2 against the Los Angeles Rams, the New Orleans Saints' playoff hopes seemed to be over.

Except Teddy Bridgewater has led them to a 3-0 record since and first place in the NFC South. Bridgewater threw for 314 yards and four touchdowns in a 31-24 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week.

The Saints also increased their steady climb in the latest AP Pro32 poll , moving one spot to No. 2.

"Sean Payton is performing like the Coach of the Year," Newsday's Bob Glauber said. "The Saints are 3-0 without Drew Brees, a testament to Payton's resourcefulness.

The New England Patriots, one of two unbeaten teams in the league, are the unanimous top team; they earned all 12 firstplace votes for 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly

cover the NFL.

The Patriots open Week 6 when they host rookie quarterback Daniel Jones and the New York Giants on Thursday night.

"In the words of the great David Byrne, 'Same as it ever was," Alex Marvez of Sirius XM said of the defending champs.

The Kansas City Chiefs switched places with the Saints, slipping a spot to No. 3 after their first loss of the season, 19-13 to the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday night.

The San Francisco 49ers, the league's other unbeaten team, jumped five spots to No. 4 after routing the Cleveland Browns 31-3 on Monday night.

"The 49ers are back where end of the 2017 season looking like a young, talented team on the rise," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The Green Bay Packers moved up three places to No. 5 after they topped the Dallas Cowboys, who plummeted six spots to

round out the top 10.

The Seattle Seahawks remained at No. 6 after beating the Rams, who slipped two places to No. 7.

The Buffalo Bills, who are tied for the second-best record in the AFC, moved up two places to No. 8.

"Defense better than anyone thought," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said of the Bills, who held the Titans to seven points in a victory over Tennessee last week. Another team that gained two spots was the Philadelphia Eagles, who are at No. 9 after routing the New York Jets.

The Jets are one of four winless teams remaining in the NFL. Two of the other three, Washington and Miami, Nos. 31 and 32, rethey left their fans at the spectively, in the poll, meet on Sunday in South Florida. "The most interesting game on the schedule this week: Miami vs. Washington," Charean Williams of Pro Football Talk said. "It is meaningful, with the loser taking the lead for the No. 1 overall (draft) choice."



Sun force Game 5 in WNBA Finals with 90-86 win over Mystics



Connecticut Sun's Natisha Hiedeman drives to the basket against Washington Mystics' Tianna Hawkins, rear, during the first half in Game 4 of basketball's WNBA Finals, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, in Uncasville, Conn.

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By DOUG FEINBERG AP Basketball Writer UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP)

 With the season on the line, Alyssa Thomas and the Connecticut Sun turned up their defense to stop the Washington Mystics and force a decisive Game 5 of the WNBA Finals.

Thomas had 17 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds and the Sun held the Mystics without a point over the final 2:10 to beat Washington 90-86 on Tuesday night. "It was just about being together out there, being on the same page, knowing the game plan and protecting home court," Thomas said. "When we're all locked in and on the same page, we just move in unison.'

The title will be decided Thursday night in Washington with a first-time champion crowned. Thomas fell just short of the first tripledouble in Finals history.

"We're having the time of our life right now," Sun coach Curt Miller said. "You dream as a little kid being in a deciding final game, a Game 7 or 5 to win a world championship. If you grew up a basketball fan, these are the moments you dreamed of."

Jonquel Jones had 18 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Sun, who had five players score in double figures.

Connecticut blew 16-point halftime lead as Washington used a huge third quarter to tie the game at 68. The Mystics kept it going to start the fourth, opening up a fivepoint lead. With their season on the line, the Sun responded.

Jasmine Thomas hit a 3-pointer to put the Sun ahead 84-81. The lead was short-lived as Emma Meesseman answered with a 3 from the wing to tie the game again.

Shekinna Stricklen, the league's 3-point champion at the All-Star Game, then shook off a defender before making another 3 to give the Sun an 87-84 advantage with 2:22 left. Na- "I was a little looser today, tasha Cloud made a layup a few seconds later to get the Mystics within one. But Washington didn't score again.

Aerial Powers, who led Washington with 15 points, missed an open 3-pointer in the corner with 27.5 seconds left that would have put the Mystics ahead.

"Both teams were making big shots. We'd make a 3, they'd answer with a 3," Miller said. "Ultimately we made a few more plays down the stretch. We got to the line down the stretch. Alyssa Thomas was best foul shooter in the game."

Connecticut got the rebound and Jasmine Thomas sank two free throws with 18.4 seconds left to make it a three-point game.

After a timeout, Cloud drove to the basket but missed the shot and Alyssa Thomas corralled the rebound and hit the first of two free throws to seal the

"I think we also had a few open shots we didn't hit," Powers said. "The ball movement wasn't there, we didn't hit shots. We need to be better come Thursday."

Elena Delle Donne, who left Game 2 with back spasms that an MRI later showed resulted from a herniated disk, was able to play more Tuesday night than in Game 3, when she was limited to 26 minutes. The league MVP had 11 points and five rebounds while playing 30 minutes.

so felt better. Hopefully continue to progress and feel better Thursday," Delle Donne said. "They were playing more aggressive defensively. They weren't letting us sit outside and shoot 3s."

Having a chance to win the title at home on Thursday gave the Mystics some confidence.

"That's what we worked for this whole season," Delle Donne said. "Can't rely on being home to get it done. The way we came out and started the game dug us into a huge hole. They are a great team, and you give that type of lead to them, makes thing difficult."

FIRST QUARTER PREDICTOR

Game 4 held to form for this series, with the team that led after the first quarter coming away with the victory. The Sun outscored Washington by 15 on Tuesday night.

The Mystics won the opening period of Game 1 by 13 points. Connecticut was ahead by 12 in the second game and Washington by 15 in Game 3. Each time, the team that was trailing in the period had 17 points. FOUL SHOOTING DISPARITY

Connecticut took 26 free throws to only 13 by Washington, with Delle Donne and Meesseman only combining for three attempts. Mystics coach Mike Thibault wasn't sure why that was the case, especially when the Sun only committed one foul in the final quarter.

Coco Gauff reaches 1st WTA quarterfinal in Linz

LINZ, Austria (AP) — Coco Gauff reached her first WTA quarterfinal when Kateryna Kozlova retired during the third set of their second-round match at the Upper Austria Ladies.

Gauff trailed by a set and a break but was on the verge of a comeback when Kozlova retired with the American teenager leading 4-6, 6-4, 2-0.

At 15 years and 214 days, Gauff became the youngest player to reach a WTA quarterfinal since January 2005, when Sesil Karatancheva did it at 15 years and 153 days.

"It's a good accomplishment, and hopefully I can continue to push that to the semifinals," Gauff said. "I guess that I'm used to bethings, and I hope that I can continue to do that and enjoy my youth years, because as everyone tells me, it doesn't last long." Gauff is playing in her first tournament since losing to Naomi Osaka in the third round of the U.S. Open and only made the main draw in Linz as a "lucky loser" after losing in qualifying. She beat Stefanie Voegele in straight sets in her opening match on Tuesday at the indoor tournament.

"I just want to continue to use Top-seeded Kiki Bertens ading the youngest to do a lot of these matches to improve. My vanced to the second round by dad told me he saw improvements even since the U.S. Open," Gauff said. "Right now, it's all about matches for me, and getting more matches under my belt, as much as possible. I feel fresh and eager to do well."

Gauff had her major break-

through at Wimbledon this year where she reached the fourth round, but had never won a tourlevel match indoors before this week.

beating Masaki Doi of Japan 6-4, 7-5, while No. 8 Ekaterina Alexandrova defeated Kristyna Pliskova 3-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Bertens next faces Alison Van Uytvanck of Belgium and would play Gauff in the quarterfinals if she advances.



In this Tuesday, April 30, 2019 file photo, marathon world record holder Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge poses for photographers at the Iffley Road Track, in Oxford, England.

Associated Press

Eliud Kipchoge chases sub 2-hour marathon in Vienna

By ERIC WILLEMSEN **Associated Press**

VIENNA (AP) — When Eliud Kipchoge's family finally gets to see him at a marathon, it will likely be the fastest one the Olympic champion has ever run.

The 34-year-old Kenyan's attempt to run a sub twohour marathon has been set for Saturday in Prater park, a landmark part of the Vienna City Marathon. Event organizers decided Wednesday to stick to the first planned race date, although they initially used a nine-day window to allow rescheduling for any unfavorable weather condi-

But the optimum criteria for the INEOS 1:59 Challenge seem to be met on Saturday, with early morning temperatures expected between 5 and 9 degrees Celsius (41-48 Fahrenheit), humidity below 80%, dry conditions and not too much wind.

"We have looked at the weather patterns for Vienna coming through and the current conditions are looking to be optimal for humidity, temperature, wind and precipitation for this Saturday morning," said Robby Ketchell, who leads the weather analysis for the team.

Vienna's typical weather conditions this time of the year saw it preferred over London, where the chemi-

cals company backing the attempt is headquartered. The world-record holder's attempt to become the first person to complete the 42.2 kilometers (26.2 miles) in less than two hours will be witnessed by his family — wife Grace and three children.

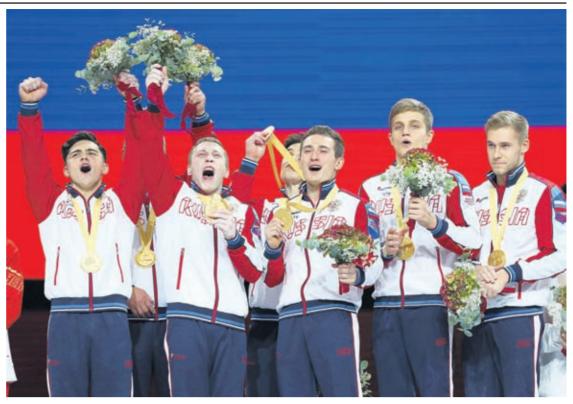
"It will be the first time they've ever watched me race, but I desperately want them to be in Vienna to see history being made," Kipchoge was quoted as saying on the event's web-

Kipchoge will start his run between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., with the exact time only to be decided on Friday afternoon, based on the latest forecasts. His team will also take into account his body's circadian rhythm.

Kipchoge arrived in the Austrian capital from his Kenyan training camp in Kaptagat on Tuesday morning, saying he was looking forward to "showing the world that no human is limited."

This is Kipchoge's second attempt at breaking the two-hour barrier, after coming up 25 seconds short in a similar event, Breaking2, at Italy's Formula One track in Monza in May 2017.

Just like then, Saturday's finishing time will not be ratified by the IAAF as an official world record, because of variables such as pacemakers entering midrace.



Team Russia celebrates winning the gold medal in the men's team final at the Gymnastics World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

Associated Press

Russia beats China to win men's team world gymnastics gold

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH **AP Sports Writer** STUTTGART,

Germany (AP) — Nikita Nagornyy shrugged off nearly 30 years' worth of pressure to give Russia its first men's team gymnastics world title since the Soviet era.

A year after losing to China by less than five-hundredths of a point, Russia took advantage of a crucial fall by a Chinese gymnast to turn the tables.

Ivan Stretovich and Artur Dalaloyan built a solid lead for Russia with their high bar routines, leaving Nagornyy to seal the win when he stuck his dismount.

"I enjoyed the moment because these sensations and impressions that you feel before going out there, the responsibility, that's something you can never find in life," said Nagornyy, a team silver medalist behind China at the 2016 Olympics and 2018 world championships. "Only sports can give you emotions like that."

China seemed in complete the parallel bars to send his team into the high bar the last rotation for both China and Russia — with a solid 1.394-point lead. How-

China's very next routine. Sun Wei fell on a release, and suddenly the competition was Russia's for the tak-

Russia finished with a total score of 261.726. That was 0.997 ahead of China, which had won the men's team event at seven of the last eight world championships.

It was the first time Russia had won this title since the Soviet Union's victory in 1991, although it won the Olympic gold medal in the same event in 1996. Another ex-Soviet nation, Belarus, took the world title in 2001, the last European nation to do so.Dalaloyan said he'd been tormented by the narrow defeat to China in 2018.

"For a whole year I couldn't sleep soundly because I didn't have that medal. A year ago we let it go with our errors when we were competing with the Chinese," Dalaloyan said.

Amid Russia's celebrations, Dalaloyan walked over control when Zou Jingyuan to the Chinese team and set by far the best score on embraced each athlete including Sun, who was weeping and covered his face with a jacket.

"I did that out of respect for the Chinese team beever, that all changed with cause I saw some people

had tears in their eyes and started to remember myself a year ago," he said. "I saw the frustration on the guys' faces and decided to support them because we're all friends, all people. I know what it's like to be second, so out of humanity I went over to support the guys."

China's Zou said his team would work through its disappointment together.

"We have the stability and also the ability to win the gold. Of course we're not feeling good to get silver but we will work harder next time," he said through a translator. "It's not just one person's responsibility. Everyone has the responsibility, so I don't like blaming any teammate."

Japan took the bronze, continuing its run of reaching the men's team podium at every world championships since 2003. It was the first year since 1991 that the same three teams made the podium two years running

The U.S. finished fourth on 254.578 as two-time world bronze medalist Sam Mikulak bounced back from a poor showing in qualifying, posting the third-best scores on floor, parallel bars and high bar.



AP Explains: Meet Twitch, Amazon's live-streaming video site

By RACHEL LERMAN **AP Technology Writer**

SEATTLE (AP) — The attacker who killed two people in a shooting at a German synagogue live-streamed the assault on Twitch, a video service owned by Amazon. It was one of the first violent attacks streamed on the service, which is best known for letting people watch others play competitive video games.

Here's what you need to know about Twitch.

WATCHING PEOPLE PLAY

Twitch is a site where people can livestream video games as they're playing, usually providing tips and commentary while others watch. The platform has boomed in popularity over the last few years, and played a key role in boosting the spread of "esports," or competitive video gam-

Popular Twitch gamers can have millions of followers. The platform itself has more than 100 million monthly us-

NON-VIDEO GAME VIO-



This Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, file photo shows the logo of live streaming video platform Twitch at the Paris games week in Paris.

Associated Press

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German shooting may have been the first real-world violent attack livestreamed on Twitch. The company said it found and took down the video with "urgency" and said it was "shocked and saddened by the tragedy." But the video, which has since spread to other corners of

the internet, is reportedly 36 minutes long.

Twitch said only about five people saw the livestream, but 2,200 viewed the finished recording of the video for the next 30 minutes until Twitch took it down. Twitch has faced other complaints in the past largely from female gamers who say they have been harassed on the site, echoing an undercurrent of sexism that has long been an issue in gaming culture. It has policies in place against hateful conduct and harassment and asks users and streamers to report inappropriate conduct.

The attack in Germany echoed a March assault in Christchurch, New Zealand. Then, the perpetrator live-streamed his attack on Facebook. The social network subsequently said it was working on restricting some users with previous rules violations from using Facebook Live. It also continues to work on artificial intelligence technology that can detect violent videos to prevent them from being re-shared. It's hard to guess why Twitch was chosen this time, said Hannah Bloch-Wehba, a law professor at Drexel University. She noted it is possible that Twitter and Facebook's attempt to crack down on such material may be discouraging people from trying to stream violence there. Internet companies have pledged after each attack to work on preventing such livestreams from happening again, including by advancing artificial intelligence to catch such videos. Bloch-Wehba is skeptical that those efforts alone will entirely halt the problem.

China criticizes Apple for app that tracks Hong Kong police

By JOE McDONALD **AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Apple became the latest company targeted for Chinese pressure over protests in Hong Kong when the ruling Communist Party's main newspaper criticized the tech giant Wednesday for a smartphone app that allows activists to report police movements.

HKmap.live, designed by an outside supplier and available on Apple Inc.'s online store, "facilitates illegal behavior," People's Daily said in a commentary.

"Is Apple guiding Hong Kong thugs?" the newspaper said.

Beijing has pressed compa- Another version is available ously challenged the legal nies including Hong Kong's for smartphones that use system and social order in Cathay Pacific Airways to take the government's side against the protests, which are in their fourth month.

Apple didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

HKmap.live allows users to report police locations, about that.



A display of the app "HKmap live" designed by an outside supplier and available on Apple Inc.'s online store is seen in Hong Kong Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019. A display of the app "HKmap. live" designed by an outside supplier and available on Apple Inc.'s online store is seen in Hong Kong Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019. **Associated Press**

use of tear gas and other details that are added to a regularly updated map. in Hong Kong have serithe Android operating sys-

Asked whether the Chinese government had asked Apple to remove HKmap. live from its online store, a foreign ministry spokesman said he had no information "What I can tell you is that these radical, violent crimes Hong Kong, threatened the safety of Hong Kong residents' lives and property, and undermined the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong," said the spokesman, Geng Shuang.

"Anyone who has a conscience and justice should resist and oppose instead of supporting and indulging those actions," Geng said at a regular news briefing. The demonstrations began over a proposed extradition law and expanded to include other grievances

and demands for greater

democracy. Criticism of Apple followed government attacks starting last weekend on the National Basketball Association over a comment by the general manager of the Houston Rockets in support of the protesters. China's state TV has canceled broadcasts of NBA games. "Apple jumped into this on its own and mixed together business with politics and commercial activity with illegal activities," People's Daily said.

The newspaper warned Apple might be damaging its reputation with Chinese consumers.

Brands targeted in the past by Beijing have been subjected to campaigns by

the entirely state-controlled press to drive away consumers or disruptive investigations by tax and other regulators.

China has long been critical to Apple's business.

The mainland is Apple's second-biggest market after the United States but CEO Tim Cook has said since 2013 it will eventually become No. 1. Sales in China declined 4% in the quarter ending in June, but that was an improvement over the 25% contraction in the first half of its fiscal year.

"This recklessness will cause much trouble for Apple," People's Daily said. "Apple needs to think deeply."

Apple also is an important asset to China.

Most of its iPhones and tablet computers are assembled in Chinese factories that employ hundreds of thousands of people. Chinese vendors supply components for Mac Pro computers that are assembled in Texas.



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Overdraft fees steeper at banks than credit unions

By MARGARETTE BURNETTE

A night out to the movies. A new shirt. Groceries. These are all things for which many people would gladly fork over \$35. But overdraft fees? Not so much. And yet, that's the average fee the country's largest banks charge customers who overdraw their accounts, according to a NerdWallet study. These fees occur when banks approve transactions that exceed an account's balance. They are often assessed per transaction, so customers could face multiple fees in a day. The study also found that the average credit union overdraft fee is nearly \$10 less than that of large banks. Other institutions, including some online banks, don't offer overdraft programs, and so debit card transactions that would overdraw an account are declined. That means the customer wouldn't be charged an overdraft fee at all.

In our analysis, we calculated the average fee at institutions that charge for overdraft protection and outlined ways customers can reduce or avoid these costs.

KEY FINDINGS:

-\$35: The average peritem overdraft fee in September 2019 for personal checking accounts at the country's largest banks.

-\$26: The average peritem overdraft fee in September 2019 for personal checking accounts at the



In this Aug. 11, 2019, photo a man puts his Visa card on a stack of cards for a split check at a restaurant in New Orleans.

Associated Press

country's unions.

—58%: The percentage of surveyed banks that charge overdraft fees that indicate they also charge continuous overdraft fees for accounts that remain negative for several days.

HOW OVERDRAFTS OCCUR

Customers have to first "opt in" to a bank's overdraft protection program. This gives the institution permission to clear a transaction even if there is not enough money to cover it in the account. Approval for each transaction happens at the bank's discretion. If cleared, the bank generally charges an overdraft fee.

IMAGINE THIS SCENARIO

At the beginning of the month, Jackie authorizes payment for her electric bill, due on the 15th. But by the time the due date rolls around, she has had a few unexpected expenses. The electric bill is processed as scheduled, but it sends the account into negative territory. Later that day, without checking her account's balance, Jackie buys lunch using her debit card, and uses the card once more to pick up detergent later that evening. The bank approves all three transactions, but issues \$35 overdraft fees for each.

And things may still get worse for Jackie. More than half of the banks surveyed charge extended overdraft fees — also called "continuous" or "sustained" fees — for accounts not brought up to a positive balance within a few days. Extended overdraft fees can range from \$6 to \$38.50, with some recurring on a daily basis, depending on how long the account stays negative.

If an account is not brought up to a positive balance, the bank could close it and report the account to a consumer reporting agency, such as ChexSystems. Having a ChexSystems file can make it harder to open a new account elsewhere. (Read more about how to clear up your ChexSystems

THREE WAYS TO AVOID OR **REDUCE OVERDRAFT FEES**

If you are charged an overdraft fee, it's worth asking your bank or credit union for a fee waiver. The institution may forgive the charge, especially if you have a good deposit history and no previous overdrafts. You may also want to ask your bank if it has a formal forgiveness program. Some institutions have policies to waive the first fee charged each year. Here are some other ways to avoid future fees:

1.SET UP A LINKED AC-COUNT FOR OVERDRAFT TRANSFERS. Banks generally will let customers designate a savings account or line of credit to serve as a backup source of funds in case the checking account is overdrawn. Some banks offer this service free of charge. Others may assess a transfer fee of around \$10. It's a cost, but it's much smaller than the typical overdraft fee. If the backup account is a line of credit, customers will also need to pay interest on the amount bor-

2.OPT OUT OF OVERDRAFT COVERAGE. If you're signed up for an overdraft program, ask your bank to remove you. Without the protection, any debit card transactions that would overdraw your account would be declined at the point of sale. While that's inconvenient, at least you won't pay overdraft fees.



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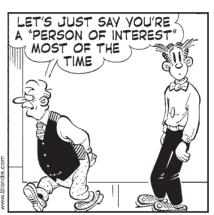
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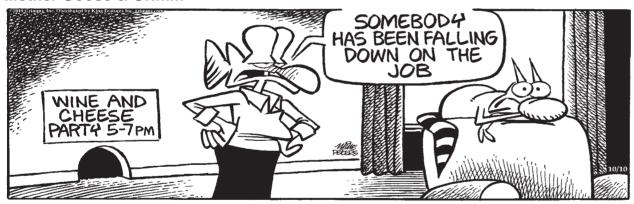
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Israeli archaeologists claim to discover ancient city

By AMI BENTOV

HARISH, Israel (AP) — Israel's Antiquities Authority on Sunday said that researchers have discovered the remains of a large, 5,000-year-old city that sheds new light on experts' understanding of the pe-

Calling it a "cosmopolitan and planned city," the authority said the early Bronze Age settlement covered 65 hectares (160 acres) and was home to about 6,000 people.

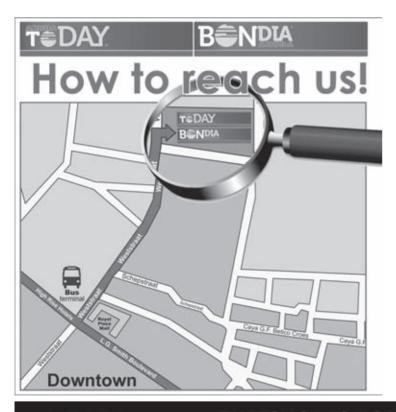
"In this city, we have a planned settlement with a whole net of streets and alleys and squares, and drainage installations, storage installation," said Yitzhak Paz, a director of excavation on behalf of the authority.

The city was discovered during preparations for a highway interchange project near Harish, a town

some 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of Tel Aviv. Researchers said the discovery "dramatically changes" their understanding of the period — a time in which a rural, agrarian society was beginning to establish urban sites. They said that residents made their living from agriculture and traded with other regions and kingdoms.

Among the discoveries was an unusual ritual temple, burnt animal bones — evidence of sacrificial offerings — and a figurine of a human head. There also were millions of pottery fragments, flint tools and stone vessels.

"The remains of residential buildings, diverse facilities and the public buildings are an indication of the organized society and the social hierarchy that existed at the time," the researchers said.



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Doctors turn to thumbs for diagnosis and treatment by text

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— Dr. Anna Nguyen spoke with none of the five patients she treated on a recent weekday morning. She didn't even leave her dining room.

The emergency physician nevertheless helped a pregnant Ohio woman handle hip pain, examined a Michigan man's sore throat and texted a mom whose son became sick during a family trip to Mexico.

Welcome to the latest wrinkle in health care convenience: the chat diagnosis. Nguyen's company, CirrusMD, can connect patients with a doctor in less than a minute. But such fast service comes with a catch: The patient probably won't see or talk to the doctor, because most communication takes place via secure messaging.

"We live in a consumer-driven world, and I think that consumers are becoming accustomed to being able to access all types of service with their thumbs," CirrusMD co-founder Dr. Blake McKinney said.

CirrusMD and rivals like 98point6 and K Health offer message-based treatment for injuries or minor illnesses normally handled by a doctor's office or clinic. They say they're even more convenient than the video telemedicine that many employers and insurers now offer, because patients accustomed to Uber-like convenience can text with a doctor while riding a bus or waiting in a grocery store line.

Millions of Americans have access to these services. The companies are growing thanks to a push to improve care access, keep patients healthy and limit



In this Wednesday Aug. 28, 2019 photo, emergency room physician, Dr. Anna Nguyen uses her smartphone to communicate with a remote patient from her Sacramento, Calif., home.

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expensive emergency room visits. Walmart's Sam's Club, for instance, recently announced that it would offer 98point6 visits as part of a customer care program it is testing.

But some doctors worry about the quality of care provided by physicians who won't see their patients and might have a limited medical history to read before deciding treatment.

"If the business opportunity is huge, there's a risk that that caution is pushed aside," said Dr. Thomas Bledsoe, a member of the American College of Physicians

Message-based care providers say they take steps to ensure safety and recommend in-person doctor visits when necessary. Nguyen, for instance, once urged an 85-year-old woman who contacted CirrusMD about crushing chest pain to head to an emergency room.

These companies note that a thorough medical history

is not crucial for every case. They also say doctors don't always need vital signs like temperature and blood pressure, but they can coach patients through taking them if necessary. Doctors also can opt for a video or phone conversation when needed.

Even so, the companies estimate they can resolve more than 80 percent of their cases through messaging.

About 3 million people nationwide have access to CirrusMD doctors, mostly through their insurance. The insurer or employer providing the coverage pays for the service, allowing patients to chat with doctors at no charge.

At first glance, a visitor to Nguyen's Sacramento home wouldn't be able to tell if she was the doctor or the patient during her recent shift. She sat at her dining room table and tapped her iPhone to bounce between patients.

The doctor's phone started dinging shortly after her five-hour shift began.

She gave physical therapy recommendations to the pregnant woman and helped a Colorado man who hurt his back moving boxes at work. A Michigan man checked in about his sore throat as that conversation wound down.

Then the mom messaged

from Mexico. Her 6-yearold started vomiting and developed a fever and diarrhea after his brother and father became sick during a vacation. Nguyen wanted to know how the boy was acting, so she asked several questions and requested a picture.

The emergency physician could tell by his skin color that he wasn't dehydrated. "The picture itself looks reassuring," she said. "If he had encephalitis, he'd be really confused and out of it."

The doctor said she thought the boy just had a stomach bug, and she told his mother to make sure he kept drinking fluids.

Nguyen said she enjoys this type of care because the format gives her more time with patients.

"I think patients will like it a lot because most really hate going to their doctor," she said referring to the hassle of setting an appointment, getting to the office and then waiting for the visit.

Some patients simply don't have time for all that.

Ohio Wesleyan University student Jasmine Spitzer contacted a 98point6 doctor in a panic earlier this year because her throat was sore, and the music education major had an opera recital coming up. She texted for help as she walked to class.

The doctor couldn't prescribe anything. But she sent pictures of common medications Spitzer could buy, including cough drops with lower levels of menthol, which dries out vocal chords.

"I wish that there is a way for me to ... tell her, 'Thank you so much, you kind of saved my life,'" Spitzer said. "I was able to give my recital and it was great."

98point6 customers first describe their symptoms to a chatbot that uses a computer program to figure out what to ask. That information is then passed to a doctor for diagnosis and treatment.

"There are many, many cases where the physician does not have to ask a single additional question," CEO Robbie Cape said.

The company launched its service in January 2018 with 600 customers and expects to have about 1 million people signed up by the end of this year.

K Health also started in 2018 with a business that offers personalized health information to patients who might otherwise Google their symptoms. Those patients then have an option to chat with a doctor.

These companies say their doctors often answer an array of quick questions as well provide care. Nguyen had a Louisiana woman send her a picture of her thumb, which she punctured cleaning out a chicken coop, just to see if the doctor thought it might need attention.

Patients and doctors have long emailed outside of office visits, usually about prescription refills or follow-up questions. These newer, message-based treatments often involve care by a physician who doesn't know the patient and who may have a limited view of that person's medical history.

That concerns Bledsoe, the American College of Physicians doctor. He noted, for instance, that a patient who wants a quick prescription for another bladder infection may actually need a cancer test.





Rocker now writer Liz Phair dives deep into emotion, memory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When she began writing her new memoir, Liz Phair found she wanted to tell inside-themind stories, not behindthe-scenes stories.

"I'm more interested in the life of a human being than I am about a path to career success," said the 52-yearold singer-rocker-songwriter whose book, "Horror Stories," was released Tuesday. "I've never been the kind of person that read those types of memoirs, so for me, I like the internal world, the life of the mind. So that's the kind of memoir that I chose to write, just naturally."

For more than a quartercentury since her landmark first album "Exile in Guyville" made her a feminist favorite, Phair has swerved between cult status and larger stardom, between deepdive indie albums and pop near-hits, making choices that thrilled some fans and confounded others.

But "Horror Stories," which stretches from childhood to her 50s, gives virtually none of the play-by-play behind all that, dwelling instead on moments that may seem insignificant but have proved difficult to forget, as big as giving birth to those as small as moving on with



This Oct. 4, 2019 photo shows singer-songwriter Liz Phair posing for a portrait to promote her memoir "Horror Stories," in Los Angeles.

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her night instead of helping a drunken girl in a public bathroom who looked like she needed it.

"I had to kind of really go into the recollections that had stuck with me that were really unresolved in a way, kind of still haunting me," Phair told The Associated Press.

Like memory itself, the essays in "Horror Stories" jump in time and shift from haziness into clarity, often leaving out the year or other grounding details.

"To me, the interesting parts about life are the things you can't look up," Phair said. "I want to know how you felt. I want to know what you were going through. That's the part that I can't get by Googling."

She said that while the writing process was so lonely compared to music that at times she "went cuckoo," she also took comfort in how much putting her thoughts to paper resem-

bled putting her thoughts to music.

"I treated these as if they were songs," she said. "I made a collection of short stories as if it were a longform album."

She's far from finished making actual albums too. A new record that she quietly made with the team behind "Exile in Guyville" was announced Tuesday. The first single, "Good Side," will be released Friday. Phair said her publishers her to take her novel approach to the book, but urged her to talk about the #MeToo movement.

were hands-off in allowing

The resulting essay, by far the timeliest chapter in the book, opens with her reluctance to address the subject, describing her reaction to reading women's stories of Ryan Adams' sexual misconduct, which he has denied.

Phair, who does not use Adams' name in the book but has acknowledged in interviews she's talking about him, worked on an aborted album with the rocker. She writes that he "hit on" her, but did not treat her as poorly as other women say he did, nor behave as badly as many other men have toward her.

In the essay, Phair's hesitance gives way to a flood of memories of sexual mistreatment of the times men had stalked her through airports or forced themselves on her in business meetings. "It was an overwhelming experience to go back and try to list all the traumatic things that had happened to me whether it's sexual harassment in the workplace, or just predatory men when I was younger," Phair said. 🔲

Elbow's powerful new album a reflection of its time

By PABLO GORONDI

Elbow, "Giants of All Sizes" (Polydor/Verve Music Group)

With all the talk about bleakness and the experiences of anger and loss affecting "Giants of All Sizes," you'd imagine Elbow's eighth studio album arriving with an "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here" warning sticker.

But while there's plenty of heaviness and weariness, the Manchester band's The target of "Seven Veils" empathy and flair for the hymn-like help alleviate the oppression.

Richly textured arrangements — the band returned to playing live in the studio - and brilliant compositions, along with the resourceful use of singer/lyri-

vocals, not to mention his endearing pronunciation and a redeeming finale, also lift some of the emotional load off the listener.

The ingredients of extended opener "Dexter & Sinister" divide roughly into 60% ominous — mechanical grooves and neither faith, hope nor charity — and 40% dexterous, with a progrock coda, the album's best guitar riffs and outstanding vocals from Jesca Hoop.

played the game too long, has been found out and definitively dismissed, while "Empires," which "crumble all the time," is very Brexity, with buzzing keyboards and a beautiful second section that's typically wordy, breathless and discist Guy Garvey's layered tressed and has an espe-



This cover image released by Polydor/Verve Label Group shows "Giants Of All Sizes" by Elbow.

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cially inspired bass line.

"White Noise White Heat" is a thumping reflection of pain and rage triggered by the 2017 Grenfell Tower fire in London, which killed 72 people, and by the apparent futility of the artist and his art in the face of such tragedy. Still, the album ends with a trio of tunes that, in recalling what's important (for Garvey it's family, friends, the band and a new life), lay the foundations for better times ahead. The exquisite "My Trouble" is a term of endearment elevated by a wondrous string section, "On Deronda Road" is an enduring memory and "Weightless" touchingly traces the passing of time and generations from grandfather to father to son.



Class warfare depicted brilliantly in 'Parasite'



This image released by Neon shows Yeo-jeong Jo in a scene



By MARK KENNEDY **Associated Press**

Bong Joon-ho's film "Parasite" starts in a dingy, halfbasement apartment with a family of four barely able to scratch out a life. There must be no place to go but up, right? Yes and no. There's nothing predictable when the South Korean director is on his game.

This dark, socially conscious film about the intertwining of two families is an intricately plotted, adult thriller. We can go up, for sure, but Bong can also take us deeper down. There's always an extra floor somewhere in this masterpiece. It tells the story of the impoverished four-person Kim family who, one by one, and with careful and devious planning, all get employed by the four-person affluent Park family — as a tutor, an art teacher, a driver and a housekeeper. They are imposters stunned by the way wealth can make things easier: "Money is an iron. It smooths out all the creases," says the Park patriarch with wonder.

Bong, who directed and wrote the story for "Parasite," has picked his title carefully, of course. Naturally, he's alluding to the sycophantic relationship by a clan of scammers to the clueless rich who have unwittingly opened the doors of their home on a hill. But it's not that simple. The rich family seem incapable of doing anything from dishes to sex — without help. Who's scamming who?

Bong's previous films play with film genres and never hide their social commentary — think of the environmentalist pig-caper "Okja" and the dystopian sci-fi global warming scream "Snowpiercer." But this time, Bong's canvas is a thousand times smaller and his focus light-years more intense. There are no CGI train chases on mountains or car chases through cities. (There is also, thankfully, 100% less Tilda Swinton, a frequent, over-the-top Bong collaborator.)

The two Korean families first make contact when a friend of the Kim's son asks him to take over English lessons for the Park daughter. Soon the son (a dreamy Choi Woo-sik) convinces them to hire his sister (the excellent Park So-dam) as an art teacher, but doesn't reveal it's his sis. She forges her diploma and spews arty nonsense she learned on the internet, impressing the polite but firm Park matriarch (a superb Jo Yeoieona.)

The Park's regular chauffer is soon let go and replaced by the Kim patriarch (a steely Lee Sun-kyun). Ditto the housemaid, who is dumped in favor of the Kims' mother (a feisty Jang Hye-jin.) All eight people seem happy with the new arrangement until Bong reveals a twist: There are more parasites than you imagined. The clean, impeccably furnished Park home will have some blood

splashing about.

is still here but the rough edges of his often too-loud lessons are shaved down nicely and his actors step forward. "Keep it focused," the Kim's son counsels his father at one point. Bong has followed that advice. There are typically dazzling Bong touches throughout. Just look for all the insect references — stink bugs at the beginning to flies at the end, and a preoccupation with odor across the frames. And there's a scene in which the rich

matriarch skillfully winds

noodles in a bowl while, in another room, duct tape is

being wrapped around a

victim and classical music

plays.

Bong's trademark slapstick

Bong could have been more strident in his social critique but hasn't. There are no villains in "Parasite" - and also no heroes. Both families are forever broken after chafing against each other, a bleak message about the classes ever really co-existing (Take that, "Downton Abbey").

"Parasite" is a worthy winner of the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival, the first South Korean movie to win the prestigious top prize. The director has called it an "unstoppably fierce tragicomedy." We just call it brilliant.

"Parasite," a Neon release, is rated R for "language, some violence and sexual content." Running time: 136 minutes. Four stars out of

Broadway theater will turn into a cinema for 'The Irishman'

NEW YORK (AP) — Broadway will be turning back the clock next month when it converts one of its august ater and starts screenings of Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman."

Netflix is going to put up a screen in the Belasco Theatre and show the movie on the Broadway model of eight performances a week Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 1-Dec 1.

The Belasco has been empty since the play "Nettheaters into a movie the- work" ended its run in June. Its next tenant will be "Girl from the North Country" in March. Broadway producers lately have been creative about using the theater spaces when vacant, including programing concerts, magic shows and improv performances.

While unprecedented these days, turning the 1,000-seat Belasco into a movie house is an echo from the past. Almost every Broadway theater that is still standing was converted to showing movies, recording radio broadcasts, or being used as a TV recording studio at some point in Times Square's seedier days, says Tim Dolan, a Broadway historian who is owner of the Broadway Up Close Walking Tours Inc.



Andrew Ridgeley looks back with fondness at George Michael

By MARK KENNEDY

NEW YORK (AP) — Long before he was a music icon in skintight jeans, leather jacket and designer stubble, George Michael was something else — awkward, chubby and insecure. He even went by the very unhip nickname Yog. A loving portrait of a young, striving Michael is offered in a new book by his closest friend and former bandmate, Andrew Ridgeley. His "Wham! George Michael & Me" is part memoir and part monument to one of the biggest pop stars of the

"The point of the book was really to illustrate our friendship and how it really formed," Ridgeley told The Associated Press. "It's very difficult to put it into words or really put your finger on exactly what it was that people found so attractive about Wham! But it was a lot to do with George and me and our friendship."

In the book, Ridgeley traces the rise of Wham! and key moments in the band's career, like the creation of hits like "Careless Whisper" and "Everything She Wants," their appearances at Live Aid and the time in 1985 when the band became the first Western pop group to visit China.

But while this may be Ridgely's memoir, Michael looms large and the book peters out after Wham! broke up in 1986 as Michael's star soared, almost as if the most interesting thing

Ridgeley has to write about is his friend, who died on Christmas Day 2016.

There are fun anecdotes, such as the drunken hijinks that accompanied the video shoot for "Last Christmas," the reason why Ridgeley wasn't part of Band Aid and the note he drunkenly wrote on his parents' fridge that became the title of a Wham! hit: "Mum, wake me up up before you go go."

The book also deals with more weighty subjects, like how their lives changed as tabloids stalked the pair and that during the band's life Michael realized he was gay but remained closeted. It was a business decision to stay there.

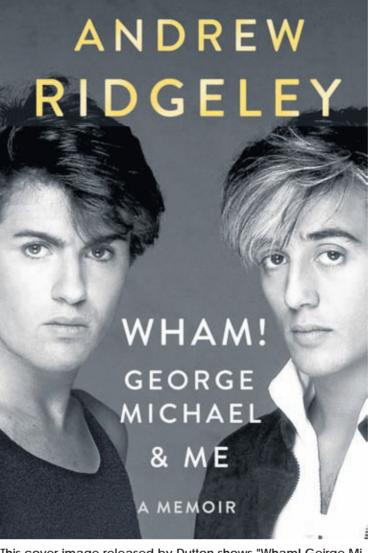
"He felt it would undermine us and our chances of success. And it was very important to both of us that Wham! was a success that we wished for," said Ridgeley. "It was tough for him. There's no doubt about that. And it caused him a great deal of discomfort." Ridgeley met a 13-year-old Michael — born Georgios Panayiotou to a Cypriot family — in 1975, at school in Hertfordshire, England. They quickly bonded over

vid Bowie. The pair formed a ska-influenced quintet called The Executive and then in 1981 re-emerged as a duo, taking the name Wham! from their first completed song,

a shared sense of humor

and music, both loving

Queen, Elton John and Da-



This cover image released by Dutton shows "Wham! Geirge Michael & Me," a memoir by Andrew Ridgeley.

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"Wham Rap."

Ridgeley, 56, writes that Wham! was never meant to last very long, saying the youth-driven duo was intended to "burn brightly, but briefly." Ridgeley just wanted to form a band, write music and perform. Michael soon outgrew his bandmate and their breakup was amicable. "I achieved my ambition early in life," Ridgeley said. The book charts the evolution of Michael from a frumpy, uncool kid who collected Spider-Man comics into a superstar, with detours into very tight Fila shorts and plenty of hours of hair teasing. Ridgely has a few well-intentioned cracks at Michael's early fashion mistakes and his later endless obsession with

his appearance.

"He struggled with his looks and his weight as an adolescent," Ridgely said. "His transformation, in every sense, is quite amazing. Music and the career that he chose, allowed him to become, in some ways, the man in his mind's eye."

Ridgeley said he didn't always handle the tabloid press very well, unable to shake the "Animal Andy" or "Randy Andy" labels as a hard-partying pop star. In many ways, the book is a lesson for any wannabe pop stars out there about the pitfalls ahead.

"If I was advising the 20-year-old Andrew Ridgeley from this perspective, I'd be telling him to do things very differently," Ridgeley said.

"Perhaps the biggest lesson that I would say is the one to learn is not to let fame and fortune get inside your head," he added. "Give yourself a healthy bit of distance between your fame and reality because they are two different things."

Among the book's highlights are the dozens of photos included, complete with witty captions from Ridgeley. One of the duo wearing swimsuits is labeled "poseurs," another of them dancing onstage is given "prancers" and a third of them joking around gets "prats."

"I had great fun doing that. I could just imagine George next to me going through those," Ridgely said.

Venice court temporarily blocks da Vinci loan to Louvre

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MILAN (AP) — An administrative court in Venice decided Tuesday to temporarily suspend the loan of Leonardo da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" to the Louvre in Paris for an exhibition that is set to open later this month. The move followed a regroup Italia Nostra, which has been protesting the loan of the famed drawing by the Renaissance master from Venice's Accademia Gallery.

A final decision is set for Oct. 16, just days before the exhibition marking the 500th anniversary of Leonardo's death is set to open at the Louvre on Oct. 24. Italia Nostra, which campaigns for the protection of "The Vitruvian Man," Leon-

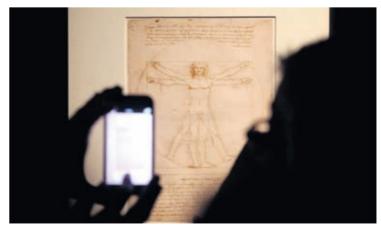
Italy's cultural treasures, argued that such a "precious" man proportions, is normalquest by the non-profit and fragile" masterpiece ly kept out of public view should not leave Italy.

> the decision "incomprehensible."

> Culture Minister Dario Franceschini signed a

memorandum in September securing the loan in exchange for a work by Raphael for an exhibition marking the 500th anniversary of his death next year in Rome.

ardo's famed study of huin climate-controlled con-The Culture Ministry called ditions, but was exhibited at the Accademia Gallery from April through July as part of events marking the anniversary of his death.



This Tuesday April 14, 2015 photo made available Tuesday Oct. 8, 2019 shows Leonardo da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" during an exhibition in Milan, Italy.

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Cooperstown stirs emotions for dad of young baseball player

By LARRY LAGE **Associated Press**

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP)

- Two places have triggered tears of joy in my life: The Vatican and Cooperstown.

I wasn't surprised when it happened in my mother's homeland while kneeling and praying in St. Peters as the nephew of a Roman Catholic priest and the great nephew of a Dominican nun.

Even though I'm an emotional Italian-American, I did not expect to have my emotions tugged as they were last month in upstate New York.

With my wife, our son, daughter and her friend, we broke up a nine-hour drive from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Cooperstown into a two-day trip. We stopped for chicken wings at Duff's in Buffalo, spent a night in the Finger Lakes region and visited Seneca Falls where the women's rights convention was held in 1848.

We were going to Cooperstown, naturally, for base-

I found out over the course of a week there's much more to the one-stoplight village than its No. 1 attraction, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, which is truly a great shrine for the game. My son plays for a 12 years



In this Sept. 25, 2014, file photo, an exhibition baseball game is played at Doubleday Field in downtown Cooperstown, N.Y., near the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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old-and-under travel baseball team, Michigan Blue Jays Treat, that wrapped up its season at Cooperstown Dreams Park. The sprawling and spectacular 165-acre facility is surrounded by lush forests providing a picturesque backdrop on any one of 20-plus fields enclosed by green, eight-foot walls.

Cooperstown Dream Park host 13 weeklong tournaments each summer and draws the country's best

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travel baseball teams from as far away as Hawaii. It brings in more than 500,000 visitors to a village with fewer than 2,000 year-round residents.

The tournament has created a unique culture in which it is common for an infielder to extend a hand for a competitor to slap when rounding the bases after clearing the fences in a ballpark where a 200-foot fly is a home run.

When I saw that the first time, it touched me and that's tough to do at a sporting event for a sports

check out a game if you can make it there before the end of the month or any other summer.

It'll give you a good excuse

to check out a place unlike any other. Locals say they love the fall when the leaves are changing colors on countless trees and crowds are smaller, so that may be a great time to getaway to this gem.

GETTING THERE

If it's too far to drive, fly to Albany, Binghamton or Syracuse and rent a car for a 90-minute drive to Cooperstown.

WHERE TO STAY

We rented a spacious home with a spectacular view of forests with trees so clumped together they

Bed-and-breakfast options include the Landmark Inn where guests can help themselves to peanuts and Cracker Jack, a nod to the song "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Near the stop light, the Inn at Cooperstown serves ice tea, lemonade and cookies on the porch.

To accommodate seasonal floods of people, there are also many hotels, including some nationally known ones, and motels along with homes from lakefront homes to simple cabins for rent.

WHERE TO EAT

Main Street is filled with dining options, including the can't-miss Nicoletta's Italian Cafe along with Sal's Pizzeria and Cooperstown Diner. Please do yourself a favor and make a 5-minute drive north of downtown, to eat and or drink at The Blue Mingo Grill. The restaurant is in a boatyard on 9-mile-long Otsego Lake and serves perhaps the best chowder west of New England.

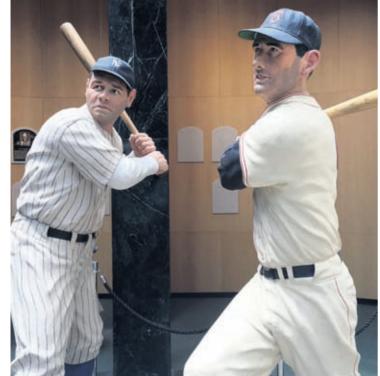
MORE THAN BASEBALL

Two museums perched on waterfront property once owned by author James Fenimore Cooper who wrote "The Leatherstocking Tales" series, are also popular attractions. The Fenimore Art Museum has a highly regarded Native American collection and the Farmers' Museum puts visitors on an active farm.



In this July 16, 2018 photo, baseball greats from the first class inducted into National Baseball Hall of Fame are honored in the Plague Gallery at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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In this July 16, 2018 photo, baseball greats Babe Ruth, left, and Ted Williams are depicted at bat, in statues at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.